



## LTBB TRIBAL GAMING: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the State of Michigan entered into a compact providing for tribal Class III gaming on December 3, 1998.

On July 24, 2003, then Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm signed an agreement with LTBB to amend the 1998 compact to allow LTBB to operate an additional gaming facility in Emmet or Charlevoix counties. The 1998 compact had limited LTBB to a single gaming facility.

Victories Casino in Petoskey, MI, opened on July 16, 1999, closed on August 31, 1999 until the land could be put in trust, reopened on January 26, 2000 and closed on June 18, 2007.

Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI, opened on June 20, 2007. In February 2006, LTBB sold bonds in the amount of \$122 million to build Odawa Casino Resort. The bonds were sold at the rate of 10.25% and were due in 2014. The yearly interest payment was \$12 million. LTBB made the interest payments from August 2006 until February 2009 for a total of \$36 million in payments. The tribe was permitted to receive \$12.5 million a year from the casino for governmental services known as the Annu-



al Service Payment increasing annually at 3%. In 2008, LTBB did not pay \$8.2 million of the Annual Service Payment in order to meet its debt liability.

In May 2009, the tribe hired Oppenheimer & Co., Inc. and Fredericks Peebles to assist it in restructuring the \$122 million debt. The completion of the financial restructure with the bondholders took place on November 30, 2010 with these terms: Exchanged \$122 mil-

lion of existing notes and \$21 million of related unpaid accrued interest for \$23 million of cash and \$40 million of new notes, a reduced interest rate of 10.25% to 9%, reduced the yearly interest payment from \$12 million to \$3.6 million and extended maturity date from 2014 to 2020. Since the restructuring, LTBB has made the interest payments, but has not paid on the principal of \$40 million.

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## PROPOSED MACKINAW CITY CASINO UPDATE

Submitted by Melvin L. Kiogima, Legislative Leader

Tribal Chairman Dexter McNamara and Executive staff, Legislative Leader Melvin L. Kiogima, Odawa Casino Resort General Manager David Wolf and several consultants for the proposed Mackinaw City casino met with the Village Council of the Village of Mackinaw City on October 18, 2012.

The meeting was well attended with several tribal citizens in attendance. I thought the presentation went well and was well received by the Village Council. The Village Council will conduct its due diligence on the project and is expected to render a decision in January 2013.

Kiogima, several members of Tribal Council and Treasury Director Michael Garrow also met with tribal citizens in Detroit, MI, Lansing, MI, Escanaba, MI, Grand Rapids, MI, and again at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, to further address any concerns and answer questions our tribal citizens had about the project. While the number of tribal citizens in attendance outside of our homelands was less than expected, for the most part, the proposed casino project generated many questions, but

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## LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN BILL DENEMY ELECTED AS MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

The 12 federally recognized Indian tribes in Michigan each select two delegates to the Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA).

LTBB's two delegates are Bea Law and Bill Denemy, both LTBB Tribal Citizens. At the MIEA meeting on July 17, 2012 held in Escanaba, MI, Denemy and RoAnn Beebe-Mohr, a delegate of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi, were nominated for the position of MIEA President. At the subsequent MIEA meeting on October 16, 2012 held in Peshawbestown, MI, Denemy was elected as MIEA President and is serving a two-year term. Denemy, a Petoskey, MI, resident, previously served as the MIEA Vice President from October 2010 to October 2012.

According to the MIEA by-laws, the President “shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association, shall generally perform all duties usually performed by the President of like organizations, shall chair the Association meetings, be the spokesperson for the Association and be responsible to see recommendations of the Association are acted on.”

“We (MIEA) meet three times a year (April, July and October), and the 12 tribes take turns hosting the meetings,” Denemy said. “On the first day, there is a delegates’ dinner where we set the agenda for the business meeting, which is held the next day. After the business meeting, we hold an auction to raise money for MIEA.”

Annually, MIEA awards scholarships to enrolled members or direct descendants of the MIEA constituent tribes who have been accepted to or who are attending a public college or university or technical school and offers

a Student Incentive Program to recognize students who achieve all “A’s” for a marking period as well as students who achieve perfect attendance for a marking period. For more information about the Scholarship Program and the Student Incentive Program, please visit the MIEA website at [www.michiganindianelders.org](http://www.michiganindianelders.org) and click on the Students tab.

At the October 16, 2012 MIEA meeting, MIEA drafted a letter supporting Senate Bill 1232, known as the Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA), and the letter was signed by all the tribes in attendance at the meeting.

In part, the letter states, “The Michigan Indian Elders Association recognizes there is no resource more vital to the continued existence, vitality and integrity of Indian nations than our children. It is with such a belief in promoting and preserving Indian families that the United States Congress passed the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) in 1978. Unfortunately, there has been a continued inconsistent application of ICWA by officials within many states, including the State of Michigan. MIFPA will end this inconsistency by providing clarity and reinforcement of ICWA at the state level. MIFPA will ensure the tribes’ cultural connections with its children are promoted, Indian families are preserved, and the best interests of Indian children will be truly followed.”

“Loopholes exist in the implementation of ICWA,” Denemy said. “MIFPA would tighten those loopholes. Su Lantz, who works as a Legal Assistant in our Legal Department, did an outstanding job giving a presentation on MIFPA on behalf of LTBB.”

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## Tribal Telephone Directory and Website Information

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**Being Odawa is all about Freedom**  
The freedom to be a part of a people, who with integrity and pride, still have and speak our language. The freedom in common with all other Odawak the customs, culture and spirituality of our ancestors. The freedom we have today we will bring to the future through unity, education, justice, communication and planning. We will reach out to the next seven generations by holding to cultural values of Wisdom, Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Humility and Truth. We will utilize our tribal assets to provide the necessary tools to become successful, hard-working community members who proudly represent our culture. With these values we will move the tribe forward.

### **Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of the LTBB Mission Statement**

Dbendiziwin aawan maanda Odawa aaw'ing. Geyaabi gdaa'ana miinawa gda'nwemi. Anishnaabemowin, maanda egishkaago'ing dbendiziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendiziwin miinwa wiimnaadendiziwin. Gdabendaanaa dbendiziwin kina gwaya Odawak nasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakniewinan, maadiziwin miinwa mnidoowaadziwin gaanaaniigaaniijik debendamowaad. Maanda dbendiziwin eyaamiing nangwa, gaanamaajiidona niigaan ezhi bezhigoyiing, kinomaadwin, dbakinigewin, giigidowin miinwa naakinigewin. Gaazhiibiignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadziwin waabii'aamigak mjignamiing ninda mnomaaadziwinan echipiitendaakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendmowin, aakdeewin, gwekwaadziwin, dbaadendiziwin miinwa debwewin. Ganakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimiigwe'ing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi'ing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishiabek enaapshkaamwaad maanda gbimaadziwinaa. Ninda eyaamiing echipiitendaakin, miigo kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

## Contact Information



The Communications Department welcomes submissions for our "Lines From Our Membership" section of the newsletter, but we cannot run anything political in nature or expressing an opinion due to a long-standing department policy. Because we have a newsletter and not a newspaper, we do not have an editorial page. We reserve the right to edit any material submitted for space and content.

The deadline for the January 2013 issue of *Odawa Trails* is November 26, 2012.

You can e-mail, fax or call your submissions in to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, fax them to 231-242-1430 or call them in at 231-242-1427 or 231-242-1429. Please only call in your submissions if they are short. We also welcome comments, suggestions and story ideas.

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6 Months = \$76.80 **save \$19.20!**

12 Months = \$144 **save \$48!**

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3 months = \$81.60 **save \$14.40!**

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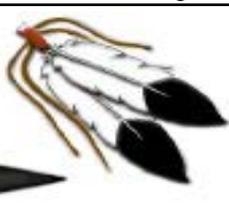
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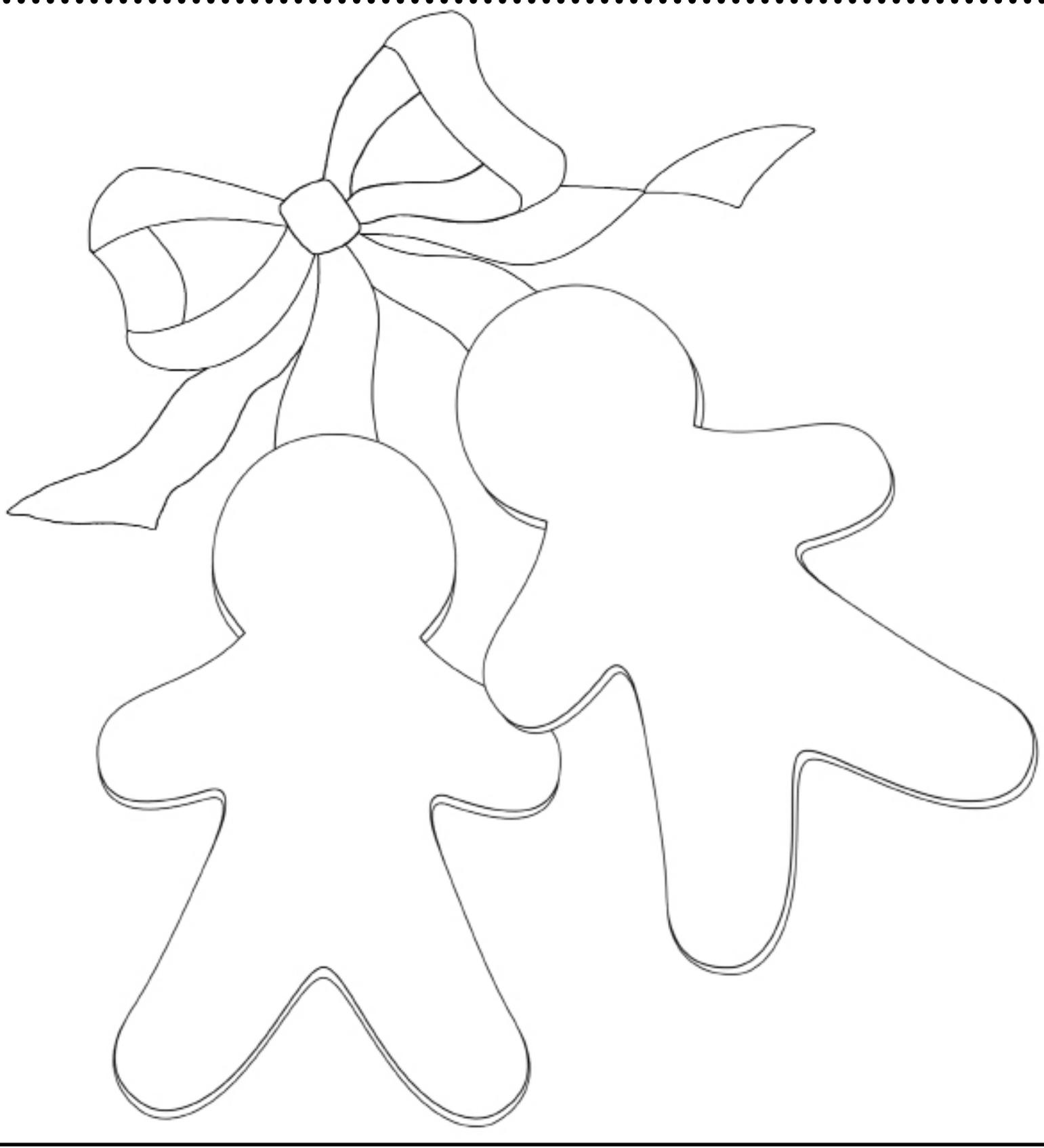
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# DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



## COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

## GINGERBREAD MAN DECORATING CONTEST RULES



Crayons \* Markers  
 Paint \* Colored Pencils  
 Stickers \* Glitter  
 You choose!

- Age categories are 3-7 and 8-12.
  - Limit one submission per child.
  - All entries must be the original size.
  - Open to LTBB Community Citizens.
  - Entries can only be submitted by snail mail or dropped off at the LTBB Governmental Center - 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. No exceptions!
  - All mailed entries must be postmarked by December 3, 2012. No exceptions!
- Submissions judged by Communications/Odawa Trails staff with three winners being selected in each age category. Each winner will receive a prize!

**ATTENTION LTBB CONTRACTORS**  
 If you would like to be considered for future LTBB projects, please contact Purchasing Technician/Contracts Mandy Szocinski at 231-242-1439 or e-mail at mszocinski@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

### Letters to Santa Contest Rules

- All letters must be handwritten by the child.
- All mailed entries must be postmarked by December 3, 2012. No exceptions!
- Entries can only be submitted by snail mail or dropped off at the LTBB Governmental Center (address below). No exceptions!
- Limit one submission per child.
- Open to LTBB Community Citizens ages 10 and younger.
- Submissions judged by Communications/Odawa Trails staff with the top three letters to be published in the January issue of Odawa Trails.
- Please provide a phone number where you can be contacted if you are selected as one of the winners.

Each winner will receive a prize!

Mailing Address:  
 Letters to Santa Contest  
 Attn: LTBB Communications Department  
 7500 Odawa Circle  
 Harbor Springs, MI 49740

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE TRIBAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE TRIBAL COURT ARE NOW LOCATED AT 911 SPRING ST. IN PETOSKEY, MI. PLEASE SEE THE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY ON PAGE 2 OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR CONTACT INFORMATION.

Ebiimoshin  
 (modern phrase to say "e-mail me")  
 Are you interested in receiving occasional e-mails regarding Anishinaabemowin Language such as announcements of activities, classes, events or general information and news? Let us know by e-mail, and we'll add you to the "e-mail-list."  
 Carla Osawamick (McFall) at cosawamick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## Tax Agreement Information

By **Theresa Keshick**, Department of Commerce Assistant

The Department of Commerce (DOC) would like to remind the tribal membership about a few items pertaining to the Tax Agreement.

First of all, I cannot express enough how important it is to keep your address updated.

The first step in becoming a Resident Tribal Member (RTM) is to officially change your address with the Enrollment Department. This must be done in writing and as soon as possible.

The DOC cannot and will not change the estimated beginning date (EBD) (which is always the first in any given month) of a member's tax exempt status (see example below).

It is YOUR responsibility to update your address on file with the Enrollment Department. This date will affect how many months you will be able

to file the Annual Resident Tribal Member Sales Tax Credit (Tribal Form 4013). It is to your benefit to be able to file for the maximum number of months for this credit.

In addition, being an RTM will allow you to purchase large items such as vehicles, boats, motorcycles and off the road vehicles tax exempt.

There is a form that needs to be filled out called a "Request for TCE" (Tribal Certificate of Exemption), which is available in my office. Once this form is completely filled out, I will then issue the RTM the actual Tribal Certificate of Exemption (Tribal Form 3998).

If you plan on purchasing any of these items, please contact me FIRST, and I will be happy to get you the form via e-mail or fax. I am also able to fax the TCEs to the dealership you are doing business with.

Being an RTM will also allow you to be tax exempt on utility bills such as phone, cable,

gas, propane, electricity, satellite and cellular service. If you have not filled out a Utility Provider Survey, please contact the DOC, and I will be happy to get one to you.

Also, another important thing to remember is if you do move into the Tax Agreement Area (TAA), your RTM status does NOT take effect until the first day of the following month.

**Example:** I move to Petoskey, MI, (inside the TAA) on September 5, 2010. My RTM (EBD) status begins October 1, 2010. All updates are sent to the State of Michigan as close to the end of the month as possible.

The LTBB Tax Agreement is viewable on the State of Michigan's website at:

<http://tinyurl.com/lbttaxagr>

If you have any other questions pertaining to the Tax Agreement, I can be reached at my office at 231-242-1584 or via e-mail at [tkeshick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:tkeshick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

Department of Commerce

Resident Tribal Member Tax Information

Cross Village (all)	Readmond (all)
Friendship (all)	West Traverse (all)
Little Traverse (all)	City of Harbor Springs (all)
Resort (partial)	Bay (partial)
Hayes (partial)	Bear Creek (all)
City of Petoskey (all)	
City of Charlevoix (only NORTH of the bridge)	

Resident Tribal Members are exempted from the following Michigan taxes:

1. Sales Tax (currently 6% of retail price) via Form 4013
2. Use Tax (currently 6% of purchase price)
3. Income Tax (4.35% of Adjusted Gross Income)
4. Michigan Business Tax (currently 4.95%)
5. \*Motor Fuel Tax (currently, 36.5 cents per gallon unleaded and 32.6 cents per gallon on diesel)
6. \*Tobacco Product Tax (currently \$2 per pack of cigarettes)

\* All LTBB Tribal Members are entitled to the exemption on fuel and tobacco.

\*The Motor Fuel and Tobacco Product Tax exemption is available at Biindigen (tribal convenience store) located at 2169 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI.

\*The Motor Fuel Tax exemption is also available at the BP station on the south side of Petoskey, MI, near the Big Boy restaurant.

**Please note: Exemption for tobacco and fuel is for LTBB Tribal Members' sole consumption ONLY!**

**IMPORTANT REMINDER: TRIBAL MEMBERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE THEIR TRIBAL ID SWIPE CARDS FOR PURCHASES OF NON-MEMBERS NOR ARE THEY ALLOWED TO LEND THEIR CARDS OUT TO ANYONE.**

The current limit on tobacco purchases is four cartons per week per tribal citizen age 18 and over. The same applies to all other tobacco products (OTP) packaged in similar fashion.



# ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

## Address Verification Forms Due October 31, 2013

All minors need to have a notarized MINOR ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM completed annually before OCTOBER 31, 2013. Faxed copies are not acceptable and will not be processed. The Address Verification form must contain the original signature. Forms must be mailed to the Enrollment Department at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or dropped off at the aforementioned address. The Enrollment Department is located on the first floor of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. If you have any

questions concerning guardianship or custodial issues, please contact the Enrollment Department at 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521.

Minors who turn 18 by OCTOBER 31, 2013 must complete an ADULT ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM. This form must be returned by OCTOBER 31, 2013.

Address verification forms can be downloaded at [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/Departments/Enrollment/enrollment.htm](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/Departments/Enrollment/enrollment.htm) or you may call the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521 to have a form mailed to you.

## Temporary Help Wanted

Are you a tribal citizen who would like to:

- Gain valuable work experience?
- Work in the tribal community?
- Make a little extra money?
- Gain experience in several fields?

**Apply today to join our LTBB Temporary Worker pool!**

Temporary assignments can last one day or as long as a month or more. Contact the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Human Resources Department today!

Call: 231-242-1563



## TRIBAL NOTARY INFORMATION

The tribal notaries listed below are eligible to perform notarial acts within Little Traverse Bay Bands Jurisdiction unless he/she violates section C. Revocation WOS#2008-05 Tribal Notary Statute

Tribal Notary Commission Full Name	Current Status	Appointment Date	Expiration Date	Serial Number
Theresa C. Keshick	Active	2/18/2009	February 18, 2015	01-09
Rebecca R. Atkinson	Active	2/23/2009	February 23, 2015	02-09
Lisa Flynn	Active	2/23/2009	February 23, 2015	03-09
Beatrice A. Law	Active	5/11/2009	May 11, 2015	04-09
Cynthia Brouckaert	Active	6/7/2011	June 7, 2017	05-09

**THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP!**  
We would like to start tracking LTBB Tribal Citizens who have completed military service or who are currently on active duty. If you are a veteran, please call us toll free at 1-866-652-5822 ext. 1521 or 1520. We will be asking you the following questions:  
(1) Name  
(2) Date of Birth  
(3) Branch of Service  
This information will be used by the Grants Department.  
Megwetch,  
Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer

**ATTENTION ALL RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBERS (RTMs)**  
If you are planning to purchase a vehicle, ORV or plan on doing any home improvements to your principal place of residence, **YOU NEED TO CONTACT ME FIRST** before making the actual purchase(s). You must fill out the "Request for TCE" form located on the LTBB website or by contacting my office. I will then issue you a "Tribal Certificate of Exemption" for such purchases. The tribe no longer uses the Refund Method, as indicated in the monthly newsletter, as of January 1, 2008. If you've already made a purchase, there is no recourse! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.  
Thank you. ~ Theresa Keshick at 231-242-1584.

**ENROLLMENT OFFICE FEE SCHEDULE**

If you have any questions regarding the service and fee schedule, please contact the LTBB Enrollment Office at 231-242-1521, Linda Gokee, Administrative Assistant, or 231-242-1520, Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer.

Fees:	Tribal Citizens
<b>Replacement Cards</b> A replacement card is lost, stolen, expired or has an address change. Free to elders.	\$5
<b>Tribal Directory</b> Adults 18 and enrolled prior to 2/1/2009. Published every 4 years.	\$5
<b>Tribal Directory Labels</b> Requestor must provide labels.	\$5
<b>LTBB List</b> The list includes adult's first, middle and last names only.	\$5
<b>Photocopies of Enrollment file</b> \$1 first copy page, 25 cents for each page thereafter.	\$1 each
<b>Marriage License Application</b> Certified Copies: \$10 Photo Copies: \$5	\$15
<b>Tribal Notary Application</b> If approved Surety Bond: \$125	\$10

**Services:**

- > Enrollment Applications.
- > Address Change Forms.
  - o Adults require notarization if mail is delivered to a post office box.
  - o Minors require notarization annually.
- > Tribal Identification Cards.
- > Tribal Directory.
- > Marriage License Application.
- > Tribal Notary Application.
- > Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Certification.
- > BIA - 4432 Indian Preference Form.
- > Eagle Feather Application and Re-Order Form.
- > Certifier of LTBB Degree of Indian Blood.

**LTBB Tribal Directories**

The Enrollment Office has LTBB Tribal Directories for sale. The tribal directory includes adults' names and addresses of LTBB Citizens enrolled prior to February 1, 2009, excluding undeliverable addresses and LTBB Citizens requesting not to be included.

**Qualifications:**

- Must include a copy of your tribal identification card
- A \$5 money order or check payable to LTBB of Odawa Indians

**Mail to:**  
LTBB of Odawa Indians  
Attn: Enrollment Office  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1521 or 231-242-1520.

**TAX AGREEMENT REMINDER**

When moving into the LTBB Tax Agreement Area, in order to become a Resident Tribal Member, you must change your address in writing at the Enrollment Department located in the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. Your RTM status will take effect on the first day of the following month in which you moved.

**NEW LTBB I.D. CARDS**

Tribal identification cards now have a hologram. This is an added security feature to eliminate duplication. We will be phasing out the old cards. Once your Tribal identification card has expired, you will be issued the new hologram card along with a replacement fee of \$5 for the remainder of 2012. No fee for our elders.

**\*\*Beginning January 1, 2013, there will be a new replacement card fee of \$10.\*\***

For more information, please contact: Enrollment Assistant Linda Gokee at 231-242-1521 or Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton at 231-242-1520

# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## NEWS FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Submitted by the Health Department

With winter upon us, it also means the cold and flu season is in full swing. If you haven't already received your seasonal influenza vaccine, it's not too late. The flu season peaks in January, so protect yourself now. Call the Health Clinic at 231-242-1700 to schedule a nurse visit or ask for one at your next scheduled appointment.

The seasonal influenza vaccine is your first line of defense against the flu, but there are everyday preventative measures you can take to protect yourself from not only the flu, but other respiratory illnesses (nose, throat and lungs) as well. The following recommendations are from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you or your child gets sick with a respiratory illness, limit contact with others as much as possible to help prevent spreading illness.

If you do catch a viral infection, which antibiotics cannot treat, you will usually recover when the illness has run its course. Colds, a type of viral infection, can last for up to two weeks. You should keep your healthcare provider informed if you or your child's illness gets worse or lasts longer than expected. Here are some things you can do to feel better when it's a virus antibiotics can't help.

- Get plenty of rest.
- Drink plenty of fluids.
- Use a clean humidifier or cool mist vaporizer.
- Avoid smoking, second-hand smoke and other pollutants (airborne chemicals or irritants).
- Take acetaminophen, ibuprofen or naproxen to relieve pain or fever. Be sure to check with your physician to find out what is safe to give your children.

Don't forget the Health Department will be closed on Monday, December 24, 2012 for Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 25, 2012 for Christmas Day, Monday, December 31, 2012 for New Year's Eve and Tuesday, January 1, 2013 for New Year's Day. You can be prepared for these closings by calling the Health Clinic for medication renewals or Contract Health Services for medication refills the Friday before the closings.

Have a Happy Holiday!  
Courtesy graphic.

# EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO HOST TRIBAL EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM COMMUNITY MEETINGS



Submitted by the Education Department

It is the sovereign right of the LTBB Odawa to determine how our children should be educated.

With the acquisition of Appleyard Child Care Center in Petoskey, MI, we are further along on our path of education self-determination. Exercise the opportunity to give input in the development of a tribal early childhood education program which will help support our children to learn how to walk in two worlds!

Meetings will cover programming topics including:

- ◆ Program Philosophy, Vision, Mission
- ◆ Inclusion of culture and language- avoiding cultural overlay model
- ◆ Traditional ways of teaching and learning
- ◆ Classroom design
- ◆ Staff
- ◆ Food
- ◆ Transportation

Many mainstream education systems view teaching as the job of a certified teacher alone, but we emphasize and seek to incorporate input from parents, family and community members. We encourage input from elders, parents of children of any age, aunts, uncles, cousins and neighbors to inform program design.

ALL ARE WELCOME to join us at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, on the following dates:

- ◆ January 24, 2013, 6 pm - 8:30 pm
- ◆ February 21, 2013, 6 pm - 8:30 pm
- ◆ March 28, 2013, 6 pm - 8:30 pm
- ◆ April 25, 2013, 6 pm - 8:30 pm

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

# DECEMBER ELDER BIRTHDAYS

### DECEMBER 1

Howard Scott  
Danon Ervick  
Doreen Wilson

### DECEMBER 2

Wayne Glazier  
Pamela Feldstein

### DECEMBER 3

Kemo Smith

### DECEMBER 4

Virginia Sherwood  
Vera Olsen  
Dolphus Delmas, Sr.  
Roger Wemigwase  
Roberta Hinmon

### DECEMBER 5

Connie Didomenico  
Yvonne Salgat

### DECEMBER 6

Marcelino Bernard, Jr.  
Donna Vander Hyde

### DECEMBER 7

Yvonne Fuerte  
Karen Brosseau  
Louise Amato  
Florence Indelicato  
James Minor  
Mel Cripps

### DECEMBER 8

Linda Smith  
Archie Kiogima, Jr.

### DECEMBER 9

Teresa Seume  
Joseph Gasco  
Kathleen Mobley  
Jon Kilborn

### DECEMBER 10

Nathaniel Chingwa

### DECEMBER 11

Grace Hutton  
Elna Wakeman  
Leonard Emery  
Carol Hellmer  
Wesley Andrews

### DECEMBER 12

Alice Yellowbank

### DECEMBER 13

Stephan Minor  
Kenneth Gibson  
Robin Sloan  
Deborah Root  
Gary Gilbault

### DECEMBER 14

Barbara King  
Mary Forbes  
Freida Carroll  
Erlene Futrel

### DECEMBER 15

Valiere Yother

### DECEMBER 16

Joan Smith  
Sharon Curran  
Nancy Bennett

### DECEMBER 17

Scott Keway  
Patricia Weber  
Anna Bixler  
Gloria Miles

### DECEMBER 19

Alice Liebgott  
Joseph Keller

### DECEMBER 20

Gaila Carpenter  
Mary Brewer  
William Engstrom, Sr.

### DECEMBER 21

Robert Duley

### DECEMBER 22

Anita Coss  
Donald Chippewa, Sr.  
James Kagabitang, Jr.  
Jack Ross  
Patricia Dehainey

### DECEMBER 24

Glen Rawls  
Roger Smith, Sr.  
Leon Trueblood  
Patrick Boda

### DECEMBER 25

Marilyn Muskovin  
Paula Hall  
Christina O'Banion  
Raphael Gasco

### DECEMBER 26

Allen Gasco  
Laura Burroughs  
Jean Ansonge  
Janice Shackelford

### DECEMBER 27

Michael Chisholm  
Levi Walker, Jr.  
Christine Sevener

### DECEMBER 28

Christine Russell

### DECEMBER 29

Deloise Mitchell

### DECEMBER 30

William King  
Shirley Adkins

### DECEMBER 30

Joseph Boda  
Marie Simmons  
Ella Petoskey



**It's never too late to get an education!**  
**Be the next GED success story!**

**GED-MAKE IT HAPPEN!**  **YOUR FACE GOES HERE!**

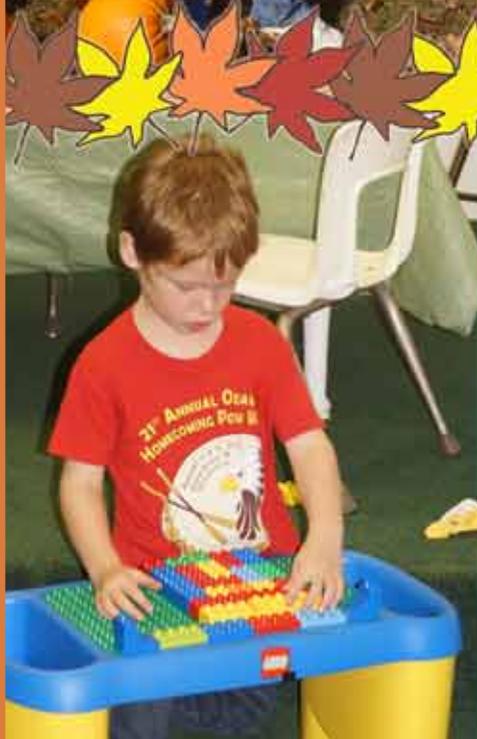
**WE ARE NOW WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH MICHIGAN WORKS! PLEASE CONTACT SIMON AT MICHIGAN WORKS! TO SCHEDULE TUTORING TIMES AT 231-348-5524**

If you need GED study guides or material, please contact Amanda or Dorothy in Academic Services at 231-242-1480.



# 2012 FALL ENCAMPMENT & FEAST

PHOTOS BY  
ANNETTE VANDECAR





2012 ELDERLY/ YOUTH HALLOWEEN DANCE



**WOCTEP & NORTHERN SHORES LOAN FUND, INC.**  
*Helping Businesses Succeed*

WOCTEP and Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc. are two successful programs which proudly serve the LTBB Community by offering extensive resources and services to fit business owners' needs; whether financial or educational.



WOCTEP is designed to provide specialized skills for high-demand careers, including Entrepreneurship! WOCTEP provides services and resources to LTBB Citizens enrolled in North Central Michigan College (NCMC) Entrepreneurship Essentials courses. In addition to learning how to write a business plan, you can get hands-on learning in specialized areas like: **Technology, Advertising, Tax Laws, Human Resources, Legal Issues or Finance.**

**WOCTEP is Convenient:** Classes are designed to fit into your busy schedule! And, you can register earlier than other NCMC students, letting you get the classes you need, when you need them!

**WOCTEP Advises:** Get help with registering for class, learning about your career field, filling out the FAFSA, job searching, resume' writing, etc.

**WOCTEP Provides Financial Assistance:** Get paid to go to class (available to eligible students). Finish the entire program, and we'll pay your graduation application fee!



**NORTHERN SHORES LOAN FUND, INC. (NSLF)** is a non-profit organization incorporated under LTBB which assists entrepreneurs in six counties in Northern Michigan; Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Grand Traverse and Kalkaska. NSLF can help your business get off the ground, grow and succeed.

**NSLF Provides Loans:** We can assist with purchasing new equipment, replacing old equipment, replenishing inventory, renovating a business location, and provide funding to just get through those tough times.

**NSLF Provides Education:** We provide one-on-one counseling services and developmental assistance to help entrepreneurs in their daily business operations ranging from credit counseling, to marketing development, to how to obtain an EIN or how to incorporate.

**NSLF Loans are Quick:** Complete an application, provide a business plan with projections, submit two years of tax returns, fill out a personal financial statement, and you're on your way!

Together, we can help you with your business ideas and needs. Please contact us for more information.

Miigwech,

**Amber Holt**  
 WOCTEP Project Director  
 231-242-1489

**Lisa McComb**  
 Executive Director, Northern Shores Loan Fund, Inc.  
 231-347-6753

**CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE!**  
 We invite the tribal community to contact us for more details!  
 If you are interested, please contact the Human Services Department at  
**231-242-1620**

**Anishinaabe Language Classes**  
 North Central Michigan College  
 Petoskey, Michigan

**Winter Semester 2013, 4 Credits**  
 January 14th - May 10th

Register for:

**TUESDAYS, 6 - 8:50 pm**  
 NISH 111, Beginning I Anishinaabemowin

**THURSDAYS, 6 - 8:50 pm**  
 NISH 112, Beginning II Anishinaabemowin  
 NISH 211, Intermediate I Anishinaabemowin  
 NISH 212, Intermediate II Anishinaabemowin

Carla Osawamick, Instructor  
 517-862-3633 or e-mail [cosawamick@ncmich.edu](mailto:cosawamick@ncmich.edu)

**SPRING SEMESTER 2013**  
 Anishinaabemowin Language  
 Immersion Classes Begin in January

Register Now!

Location: Little Traverse Bay Bands Odawa  
 Waasnoddaki Community Center, Harbor Springs, MI

**Open Classes**  
 Guests Welcome, Drop In

Immersion Techniques Benefit All Learners  
 from Beginners to Advanced

5 Weekends Per Semester  
**TENTATIVE DATES**  
 January 18, 19, 20  
 February 8, 9, 10  
 March 1, 2, 3  
 March 22, 23, 24  
 April 19, 20, 21

Fridays 1pm-8pm  
 Saturdays 8am-8pm  
 Sundays 8am-noon

8-Credit Weekend Class

For more information, contact LTBB Gijigoni Anishinaabemowin Language Dept.,  
 Carla Osawamick, 231-242-1454, [cosawamick@lfbodawa-nn.gov](mailto:cosawamick@lfbodawa-nn.gov)

**LOOKING FOR SOME HELP TO GET THROUGH SCHOOL?**



WOCTEP provides services and resources to North Central Michigan College students enrolled in one of the following programs:

**CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE ~ PHLEBOTOMY**  
**MEDICAL ASSISTANT ~ GRAPHIC ARTS**  
**ENTREPRENEURSHIP ESSENTIALS**  
**TEXTILES ~ NEW MEDIA**

INTERESTED? CALL  
 231-242-1494

**Early Registration:** Get into classes you need before anyone else!

**One-on-one Advising:** Get help with registering for classes, learning about your career field, filling out the FAFSA, job searching, resume' writing, etc.

**\$\$\$:** Get paid to go to class (available to eligible students, call 231-242-1494 for more details). Finish your program, and we'll pay your graduation application fee!

WOCTEP IS UNDER THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF THE LITTLE TRVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS AND FUNDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S NACTEP GRANT.

**Stay up to date!**  
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[www.facebook.com/LTBBHigherEducation](http://www.facebook.com/LTBBHigherEducation)



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HARBOR SPRINGS  
 HARBOR PLAZA  
 8430 M-119  
 231-487-9390

ALANSON  
 7722 US 31 NORTH  
 (NEXT TO SUBWAY)  
 231-548-5997

KALKASKA  
 559 S. CEDAR (131)  
 800-757-5997

## WOCTEP GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT: VALORIE GLAZIER

Submitted by the WOCTEP Program



her WOCTEP certificates and on her new job! WOCTEP provides services and resources to LTBB students enrolled in any of three NCMC Health certificate programs. To date, 50% of WOCTEP Health program enrollments are employed! We are incredibly proud to have assisted these students in reaching this accomplishment.

Medical Assistants generally work within the clinical settings of a medical clinic or doctor's office. Duties may also include clerical/administrative tasks as well. The Medical Assistant is a popular field, and employers are continually looking to fill this position. LTBB MIN-A-MSKIKI GUMIK Health Clinic, McLaren Northern Michigan, Bay Street Orthopedics and Little Traverse Primary Care have all given WOCTEP graduates wonderful employment opportunities.

Phlebotomy Technicians mostly work with blood drawing/specimen collection, typically in a hospital laboratory setting. Other places of employment may include blood banks, clinics and commercial laboratories. Phlebotomy is a growing field, and it's a great career to start out in or to strengthen an existing health certificate or degree! **WOCTEP completers have been placed at a number of local businesses, including Red Cross, McLaren lab, Charlevoix Memorial Hospital and Otsego Memorial Hospital.**

Certified Nurse Aides can be found in a variety of settings, including hospitals, long-term health care facilities and traveling health care. This career field is in high demand and will only increase in the future. You can expect to find C.N.A. positions available almost anywhere. **WOCTEP C.N.A's have filled positions all around Northern Michigan, including facilities such as Bay Bluffs, Bortz, Meadow Brook and Harbor Home Health Care.**

Please call for more information at 231-242-1494 or stop by the WOCTEP office located on the main level at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

What is your position title, and what do you do in this position? LTBB CONTRACT HEALTH FRONT DESK ASSISTANT. I ANSWER PHONES, DO FILING, FILL PRESCRIPTION REQUESTS AND HELP MEMBERS KEEP THEIR FILES COMPLETE, SO THEY MAY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES.

What is your education/health background? I GRADUATED FROM NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE (NCMC) IN MAY 2012 WITH MEDICAL BILLING AND CODING, MEDICAL ASSISTANT AND PHEBOTOMY CERTIFICATES.

What keeps you excited about your career? I ENJOY THE FAST PACE OF MY JOB, ALWAYS LEARNING AS WELL AS MEETING AND GETTING TO KNOW LTBB MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY.

How did you get interested in the health field? I'M NOT SURE WHY I DECIDED TO GO IN THE MEDICAL FIELD; I JUST FELT LIKE THAT WAS WHAT I WAS SUPPOSED TO DO!

Final Thoughts ... I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR HELPING ME GET ADJUSTED IN MY NEW POSTION!!!

Congratulations to Valorie on completing

## MICHELLE CHINGWA SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER

It is second installment time for the Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Scholarship, and that means it is time to turn in your Enrollment Verification forms. Please remember in order to receive the second installment of your award, the Education Department needs to receive the Enrollment Verification form, provided in the first installment award letter, prior to the last day of the semester.

Faxed Enrollment Verification forms and Student Clearinghouse forms will not be accepted, and it is the student's responsibility to follow up to make sure the form has been received. For more information or help with higher education, please contact Amanda Swiss, Higher Education Student Services Specialist, at 231-242-1492 or by e-mail at [aswiss@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:aswiss@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

## MERIT SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Merit scholarships are available for students who have graduated with a certificate or degree for the 2011-2012 academic year. Students need to submit a completed form and a copy of the official transcript showing the degree received by December

15, 2012. For more information, contact Amanda Swiss, Higher Education Student Services Specialist, at 231-242-1492 or by e-mail at [aswiss@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:aswiss@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).



## FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN DEXTER MCNAMARA



### \$\$ MACKINAW CITY, MI, OUR NEXT CASINO? \$\$

Our tribal representatives and business partners proposed casino plans to the Village Council in Mackinaw City, MI, for approximately 30 minutes on the evening of October 18, 2012. We presented key items such as an executive summary, capabilities of the tribe and the entire team with their strong gaming expertise, we spoke of our casino in Petoskey, MI, we presented as a tribe of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians or Ottawa people who have been in this geographical area of Michigan long before the Europeans arrived here on Turtle Island known as Canada and North and South America. Demographics and marketing were presented, benefits of the project and the statutory basis for the project.

The meeting was held in the James B. Marshall multi-purpose room at the Mackinaw City School because more people were expected to attend the meeting. People filled the entire room. Detailed information consisted of the construction of the 29,000 square foot facility which would include approximately 100 construction jobs, followed by 85-90 year-round employees and add 2% of its revenue from 550 slot machines to local government based on Class III gaming.

Mackinaw City Village Council President Jeff Hingston stated no voting or motions would be considered after the meeting. He also stated during the course of the next several weeks, the Village Council was going to digest and confer with its legal counsel and will have a public hearing in approximately a month. Hopefully, we will have an answer by January 2013.

### 2012 PER CAP

On October 12, 2012, I submitted a supplemental request of monies in the amount of \$455,000 to Tribal Council's Appropriations and Finance Committee to be able to distribute an additional \$99 to each LTBB Tribal Citizen making the total \$599 per tribal citizen. Checks were mailed in early November. .... HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

### CANDIDATES

On October 23, 2012, and October 30, 2012, I met with Frank Foster and Suzanne Shumway respectively in my office. They were both running for the 107th District, representing Chippewa, Emmet and Mackinaw counties in Michigan, a part of Cheboygan County, MI. Foster was later elected. I spoke to each on opposition to the grey wolf hunt,

no matter where the wolf hunt would take place. I informed both the grey wolf is a culturally significant species with a role and place in Odawa culture.

In the creation story of the Anishnabe, Ma'ngan, the wolf is a brother to the Original Man. The two traveled together throughout the world naming everything they encountered. Afterward, the Creator had them take separate paths, but told them both they would be feared, respected and misunderstood by others who would arrive later and that each other's fates would mirror one another.

I asked our Natural Resource Director, Doug Craven, to represent our tribe on our opposition of the grey wolf hunt to Senator Tom Casperson at Brimley, MI, on November 7, 2012. We are in very good hands with Mr. Craven.

### UNITED STATES ATTORNEY AND STAFF, WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

On October 24, 2012, a meeting was held at Odawa Hotel in Petoskey, MI, with attendees from the United States Attorney's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration, United States Secret Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs along with our own Legislative Services Attorney, Tribal Prosecutor, Chief of Police, General Counsel, Court Administrator, Tribal Council and Yours Truly.

There were case updates, training details for classes and where they were going to be held, and updates on the Adam Walsh Act and the Tribal Law and Order Act.

I asked how our tribal police were doing, and I was informed "OUTSTANDING."

### ELECTION DAY

I allowed anyone employed by the LTBB Government to take one hour off and not have to use personal time or flex time to exercise their right to vote on November 6, 2012.

### GHOST SUPPERS

Ghost Suppers started on November 3, 2012 and went through the third week of November.

### CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

I am pleased to announce Carrie Carlson accepted the position, starting on November 5, 2012. For the last eight years, Carrie has worked for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Accounting Department, first as the Enterprise Accountant, and then as the Senior Staff Accountant and Grants Compliance Manager. In addition, Carrie served as the Interim Controller from July 2009 through September 2009 and was currently serving as the Interim CFO before she moved into her permanent position on November 5, 2012. Carrie attended high school in Cheboygan, MI, and attended Saginaw Valley State University. Carrie falls under the supervision of the Chairman.

### VETERANS DAY

I hope you remembered our veterans who have given their lives for our freedom and gave thanks in your way. Tell those who still walk before us, Migwech, thank you. I hope you attended community events on this special day... Plan around the Word, "Time" as it is so precious ... Migwech, speak the language, and follow our traditions and cultural values to preserve our strong unified tribal identity .. Baa Ma Pi.

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

**Avoid the headache!**

UPCOMING DEADLINES FOR THE MICHELLE CHINGWA SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE 2012/2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Winter (Jan - May)  
February 15<sup>th</sup>

For more information, contact Academic Services at 231-242-1480

**ATTENTION STUDENTS!**

YOU NEED TO SUBMIT NEW APPLICATIONS FOR THE MICHELLE CHINGWA SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE 2012-2013 ACADEMIC YEAR THAT STARTS ON AUGUST 1, 2012

**\*\*Please Note\*\***  
Applications WILL NOT be automatically mailed to students

Applications are available online and can be downloaded from the Education Department's web-page at [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) or may be requested from Academic Services at 231-242-1480.

Casino vouchers and Shuttle available!

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Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Commission, Board and Committee Vacancies

Current Vacancies:

Commission/Board	Term	Vacancies/Terms Ending
Child Welfare	3 yr. term	3
Economic Development	3 yr. term	3
Housing	4 yr. term	3
Gaming Regulatory	3 yr. term	1
Trust Fund Board	4 yr. term	4
Liquor, Tobacco and Licensing Board	1, 2, 3 yr. term	3
Zoning Board of Appeals	1, 2, 3 yr. term	3
Waganakising Odawa Development, Inc.	3 yr. term	3
Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.	3 yr./5 yr. term	2
Odawa Fishery, Inc.	3 yr. term	3

The following information is provided for Tribal Members who are seeking nominations for an appointment to an LTBB Commission, Board and/or Committee. Those interested, please submit a letter of interest along with your resume to:

Tribal Chairman  
LTBB of Odawa Indians  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49770  
Phone (231) 242-1418 Fax (231) 242-1411  
Email: [chairman@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:chairman@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

The Executive Office notifies applicants when letter and resume are received. The Chairman's nominations are forwarded to Tribal Council. Thereafter, the Legislative Office handles all interview scheduling and correspondence for the Commissions or Boards, for the position vacancies.

The Executive office is also accepting resumes for nominations for the appointed positions of:

Judicial Postings:  
Appellate Judge, 6 year term, expiring February 2018  
Powers, Jurisdiction, Eligibility, Terms, see Article IX of The Constitution of the LTBB of Odawa Indians. Refer to the WOS 2010-016 Constitutionally Mandated Compensation Statute for Judges and Justices for compensation.  
Updated 10-3-12 LF

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

**NOTICE: Sex Offender Registration Requirements**

All persons who have been convicted as a sex offender are required by the LTBB Sex Offender Registration and Notification Statute to register with LTBB Law Enforcement if any of the following circumstances are true:

1. If your residence is on Tribally owned land;
2. If you will be visiting and staying on Tribally owned land for more than seven (7) days;
3. If you are enrolled in any classes or schools located in Tribal buildings; or
4. If you are employed on Tribally owned lands.

LTBB Law Enforcement is located at:  
911 Spring Street, Petoskey, MI 49770  
231-242-1500

For more information regarding Sex Offender Registry you can visit the LTBB Website, [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) and choose the Law Enforcement link on the right side of the page.

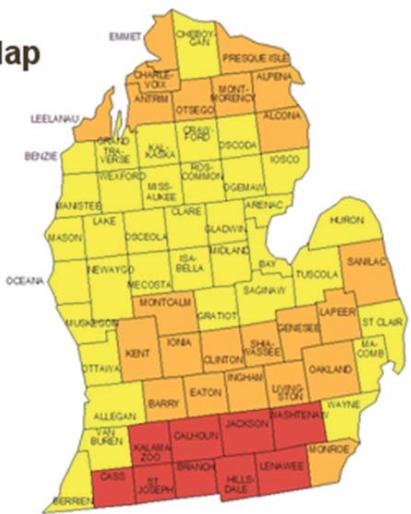


# NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

## RADON ACTION MONTH 2013

### Michigan Radon Map

- **Zone 1**  
Highest potential
- **Zone 2**  
Moderate potential
- **Zone 3**  
Low potential



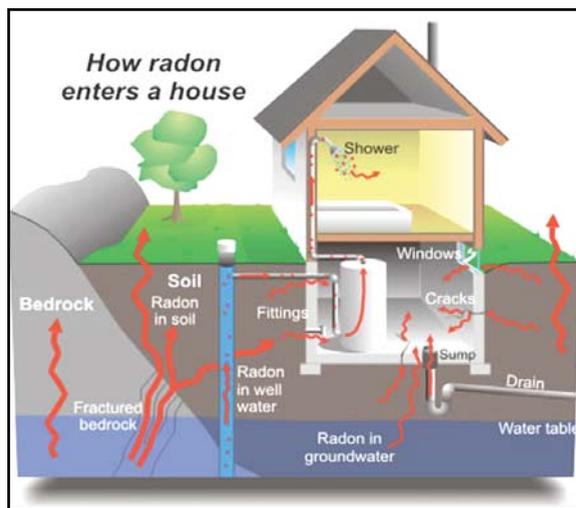
limit or 4.0 pCi/L (right). Houses in this area can expect to see levels of radon gas between 2-4 pCi/L. In Michigan, one in eight homes can expect to see a level of radon gas considered above the safe limit, and in some counties, that number increases to one in four homes<sup>1</sup>.

Radon enters the house through cracks in concrete slabs, loose fitting pipe penetrations, cracks in your home's foundation and even through the water system. While complete eradication is difficult, it is possible to greatly reduce the danger of radon in your home. During Radon Action Month, the EPA suggests every homeowner has his or her home tested

for radon gas. New homebuyers should have their home tested for radon before agreeing to purchase the home.

If you have questions about radon gas, please stop by Environmental Services and speak to Doug Larson, the Environmental Specialist, about testing supplies and documentation. You may also contact Doug at 231-242-1578 or [DLarson@LTBBODAWA-NSN.GOV](mailto:DLarson@LTBBODAWA-NSN.GOV) for any air-related questions.

*Courtesy graphics.*



You can't see, smell or taste radon, but it could be present at a dangerous level in your home. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer deaths among non-smokers in America and claims the lives of approximately 21,000 Americans each year. In fact, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Surgeon General urge all Americans to protect their health by testing their homes, schools and other buildings for radon. Exposure to radon is a preventable health risk, and testing radon levels in your home can help prevent unnecessary exposure. If a high radon level is detected in your home, you can take steps to fix the problem to protect yourself and your family.

The EPA has designated January as National Radon Action Month. The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians' Air Quality Program will once again be participating in Radon Action Month. Similar to previous years, the air program will be partnering with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to provide free testing supplies and informational documentation to all tribal citizens and employees at **no charge**.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has designated Emmet and Charlevoix Counties as "Zone 2," suggesting a moderate potential to detect radon gas at a level above the safe

# GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW INDIANS TO POSSESS EAGLE FEATHERS

Read this article on-line at:

<http://tinyurl.com/indianstopossesseaglefeathers>

## MICHIGAN INDIAN LAND CLAIMS SETTLEMENT CERTIFICATE REDEMPTION UPDATE

Submitted by the Trust Fund Board

It has been more than a decade since the original Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement certificates were issued.

All adults have been paid or they have deferred payment to a later date, however, tribal children who were enrolled before December 16, 1997 but had not yet turned 18 are still in the process of redeeming their certificates.

The following steps are intended to aid in this process. Redeeming certificates from the Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 105-143, are as follows:

1. Determine your eligibility: Tribal citizens who were enrolled, but had not reached the age of 18 on December 16, 1997 are eligible to redeem their certificates upon reaching the age of 18.

2. Sign your certificates with a notary: The tribal citizen redeeming his or her certificates must have a notarized signature.

3. Copy two pieces of identification: One piece of identification (e.g. Driver's license) must have a picture, and the second piece needs at least your signature.

4. Mail your signed certificates, the mailing address you would like your check sent to and two pieces of identification to the following address

Note: The address on the certificates is not correct:

LTBB Trust Fund Board

7500 Odawa Circle

Harbor Springs, MI 49740

If you have lost your certificates or need further assistance, call Trust Fund Board Member Steve Schmidt at 734-717-4406.

## Moving?

If you move, please contact the Enrollment Office and we will send you an address verification form.

Forms are also available at [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov). Click on Offices/Government Center/Enrollment Department and click on the appropriate form. The adult form must be printed on legal size paper and the minor form on letter size paper. We will continue to add forms there in the future.

It is the responsibility of the parent, guardian or custodial parent to complete an address verification form.

If you are a custodial parent, please provide proof by documentation.

Once a minor turns 18, you must contact the Enrollment Office and complete an address verification form or we will mark you as undeliverable.

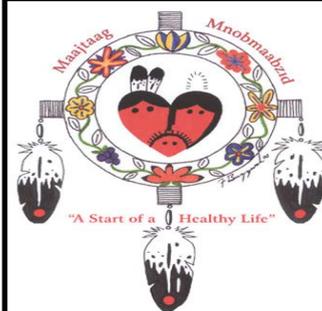
If you are incarcerated and would like to continually receive the newsletter, you must keep your address current.

Towards the end of the year, we will notify you for purposes of the per capita payment.

Adult verification form must be witnessed.

Minor verification form must be notarized.

Contact Enrollment Assistant Linda Gokee at 231-242-1521 or Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton at 231-242-1520.

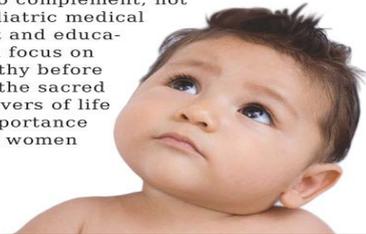


**Maaajtaag Mnobmaadziid**  
(Maj-tog Minowb-maude-zid)  
Maaajtaag Mnobmaadziid means  
"A Start of a Healthy Life."

We are working towards providing services and information that will keep our infants, women and families in the best of health. There are no income guidelines to determine eligibility. We hope our services will reach any woman who will be bringing an Anishinaabe baby into this world. Our program is designed to provide services needed to both mom and newborn up to the age of two years.

Maaajtaag Mnobmaadziid is designed to complement, not replace prenatal, postpartum and pediatric medical care. In addition to providing support and education during pregnancy, there is also a focus on helping women become and stay healthy before and between pregnancies. We affirm the sacred role of women in the community as givers of life and promote understanding of the importance of family well-being and the health of women throughout the lifespan.

For more information, please call:  
Mina Mskiki Gumik ~ Tina Shawano  
at 231-242-1614



## Interested in working for LTBB?

Jobs are updated daily at  
[www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

Job Hotline toll free 1-866-582-2562

Submit your applications, resumes, and cover letters:

- In person at our LTBB Human Resources office
- E-mail: [hr@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:hr@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)
- Mail to LTBB Human Resources, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Questions? Please contact the Human Resources Department at 231-242-1563.

## The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resources Commission

Is looking for LTBB tribal citizens with an interest in

Great Lakes Commercial Gill Net Fishing

### The LTBB Commercial Small Boat Apprentice Program

is designed to provide eligible LTBB tribal citizens with an opportunity to learn the trade of commercial fishing from an experienced LTBB Great Lakes Commercial Fishing Captain

For more information on eligibility and requirements, please stop in or contact the

LTBB Natural Resources Department

7845 Odawa Circle

Harbor Springs, MI 49740

231-242-1670

[dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)





LTBB Tribal Citizen Kacie Gokee, 14, caught her first fish, a salmon, at the Bear River in Petoskey, MI, on October 18, 2012.



LTBB Tribal Citizen Dean Samuels, 85, harvested a five-point buck on October 12, 2012.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GREAT LAKES ISSUES?**  
**NOW AVAILABLE:**  
**LTBB GREAT LAKES POLICY REPORT NEWSLETTER**  
 This is a quarterly newsletter released in January, April, July and October 2012. Look for it on the table next to the receptionist desk at the LTBB Governmental Center and online at:  
<http://tinyurl.com/lbbgreatlakes>  
 For more information, contact Lucas Evans, Great Lakes Policy Specialist  
 levans@lbbodawa-nsn.gov  
 231-242-1570

**HELP PROTECT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**1-855-NRD-TIPS**  
**TOLL FREE 1-855-673-8477**  
 Please provide any information related to the tip which may include date, time, subject or vehicle description, nature of the incident, and location (Example: nearest crossroad). It is ok if you wish to remain anonymous. All tips are investigated in a timely manner.



**Temporary Help Wanted**  
**Are you a tribal citizen who would like to:**  
 Gain valuable work experience?  
 Work in the tribal community?  
 Make a little extra money?  
 Gain experience in several fields?  
**Apply today to join our LTBB Temporary Worker pool!**  
 Temporary assignments can last one day or as long as a month or more. Contact the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Human Resources Department today!  
**Call: 231-242-1563**

**HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT RAISES AWARENESS OF DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE**

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

With October being Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Human Services Department created Clothesline Project displays and organized a “mugging” of the tribal community to raise awareness to domestic and family violence.

The Clothesline Project displays were at the 911 Spring St. Building in Petoskey, MI, where the Human Services Department is located and at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

The following is a sampling of what was written on the various shirts hanging up on the display at the LTBB Govern-

mental Center: “Roses Are Red, Violets Are Blue, No One You Love, Should Ever Hurt YOU; Family Violence Doesn’t Discriminate, It Crosses All Barriers; They Said It Was How I Dressed; and Love Doesn’t Hurt.

According to information distributed by Human Services Department staff, the Clothesline is a visual, public display that bears witness to violence. Each shirt is decorated to represent a particular person’s experience. The original project started in Hyannis, MA, in the fall of 1990 with 31 shirts hung. Since that time, projects have begun in communities all across the country and in other countries as well.

The purpose of the project is fourfold: To bear witness to survivors and vic-

tims of domestic violence; to help with the healing process for people who have lost a loved one or are survivors; to educate, document and raise society’s awareness of the issue; and to provide a nationwide network of support, encouragement and information for other communities starting their own Clothesline Projects.

The “mugging” of the tribal community involved handing out coffee mugs that had purple Domestic Violence Awareness ribbons and “Never Give Up” printed on them. An informational handout about domestic and family violence and a purple and white pen with the Domestic Violence Awareness ribbon and the Human Services Department contact information on it were inside the mug. The mugs were

purchased with federal funds set aside as outreach to bring awareness to the community through the Family Violence Services and Prevention Act.

Human Services Department staff handed out mugs and gave an informational presentation about the department and the services it offers to the elders at the Elders Luncheon on October 11, 2012.

The Human Services Department has grant funds available for victims trying to break free from domestic or family violence. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, you can contact the department at 231-242-1620.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



**One in every four women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime.**  
**An estimated 1.3 million women physical assault partner each year.**  
**Most cases of domestic violence are never reported to the police.**  
**Witnessing violence between one’s parents is the strongest risk factor of transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next. Be aware. Help stop the cycle.**  
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

He says he loves me  
 He says he needs me  
 He says he is sorry  
 He says it won't happen again

**LOVE is patient and kind**

**LOVE is Never jealous, rude, selfish, or boasting!**

**STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**FAMILY VIOLENCE IT'S NOT OK**

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

**OCTOBER NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

If you or someone you know needs assistance, contact the LTBB Department of Human Services for confidential help at 231-242-1620.

# HALLOWEEN TRICK - OR - TREAT

PHOTOS BY ANNETTE VANDECAR





ZOMBIE ZONE



2ND PLACE

2012 LTBB COSTUME CONTEST

WHICH WITCH IS WHICH?



3RD PLACE

THROUGH THE DECADES - 50's TO 80's



THE BAG LADY



THREE BLIND MICE AND THE FARMERS WIFE



TOXIC



1ST PLACE LTBB DECORATING CONTEST ACCOUNTING DEPT.

KEEP OUT!



# On the Pow Wow Trail

## Michigan

March 23-24, 2013  
 23rd Annual Central Michigan University Pow Wow  
 Central Michigan University  
 Mt. Pleasant, MI  
 Contact Information: Sarah Avery and Colleen Green at 989-774-2508 or nap@cmich.edu

Minneapolis, MN  
 Contact Information: 320-384-7185 or 612-799-0776

March 23, 2013  
 Augsburg College 5th Traditional Pow Wow  
 Si Melby Gymnasium  
 Augsburg College  
 Minneapolis, MN  
 Contact Information: Jennifer Simon at 612-330-1144 or www.augsburg.edu/about/mps\_map.html

## Minnesota

November 22-24  
 5th Annual Thanksgiving Pow Wow  
 Minneapolis American Indian Center

April 6  
 29th Annual Circle of Nations Pow Wow  
 P.E. Center  
 University of Minnesota, Morris

Morris, MN  
 Contact Information: Tracy R. Peterson at 320-589-6097 or 320-589-6097

## Wisconsin

December 8  
 29th Annual St. Croix Trails Pow Wow  
 St. Croix Tribal Center  
 Hertel, WI  
 Contact Information: 1-800-236-2195

December 31  
 LCO New Year's Pow Wow  
 LCO High School  
 Hayward, WI  
 Contact Information: 715-634-8924

An International World Celebration  
**GATHERING OF NATIONS POW WOW**  
 Celebrating 30 Years  
 University of New Mexico - "The Pit"  
**April 25-27 2013**  
 Albuquerque, New Mexico  
 www.GatheringofNations.com

The Saginaw Chippewa Academy Presents:

# New Years Eve Round Dance 2012-2013

Pipe Ceremony-6:00pm  
 Pot Luck Feast- 7:00pm  
 Round Dance- 8:30pm-12:30am

50/50 RAFFLES  
 PRIZE RAFFLE  
 2-\$500 DRAWINGS



Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Gym  
 7070 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

# 15 Month Calendar!

2012 ~ 2013 LTBB Pow Wow Calendar  
 Featuring Artistic Works by Jean Michéal

## Now Available!

To order by check or money order,  
 contact Wendy at 231-242-1429

For credit card orders, please go to our Pow Wow website at [www.odawahomecoming.com](http://www.odawahomecoming.com)  
 Proceeds benefit LTBB Elders Program. \$10 minimum donation.

# HOLIDAY BAZAAR

December 1, 2012 10am - 4pm  
 LTBB Governmental Commons Area

FOOD AND RAFFLE PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT NICWA - NATIONAL INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ASSOCIATION

Tree decorating contest!  
 Crafts and gifts for sale  
 Fry bread & food fundraiser & Raffle

For more information please contact Rochelle at 231-242-0957

SEEKING VENDORS! COME AND SHARE YOUR TALENT! PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN TABLE FOR DISPLAY.



Michigan Native American PRAMS: a confidential survey for all mothers in the Native community who give birth in 2012

If you had a baby in 2012, look for your survey in the mail  
 Mothers who return a survey will receive a \$10 gift card

With your help, we can improve services and the health of Native Mothers and babies in Michigan. Your survey is very important.

A collaborative project of:



In Need of A Ride?



**Medical Transportation**  
 Is available to tribal households who have no alternate means of transport. For LTBB household members residing in the LTBB service delivery area. For medical appointments/purposes only. Transport must be arranged 72 hours in advance. Contact Community Outreach at the LTBB Health Department at 231-242-1601

# COMMUNITY CRAFT NIGHT & POTLUCK DINNER

Monday nights 5:30 pm to 8 pm  
 October 8, November 5, November 19, December 3, December 17 more dates to follow!

Talking Circle - Music - Crafts - Games  
 Storytelling - Genealogy - Quilting Bee

Bring your own craft (beading, sewing, needlework, etc.) and a dish to pass!  
 Great fun for the whole family!

Join us for a night of Fun, Food, Family and Friends!

Contact LTBB Cultural Services for more information!  
 Dawn Sineway at 231-242-1485 or Theresa Chingwa at 231-242-1486

# TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



**The Little Traverse Bay Bands  
of Odawa Indians  
Tribal Council Regular Meeting  
Tribal Court Room  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
October 7, 2012**

Secretary Gasco Bentley), 1 – Abstained (Treasurer Bott), 0 – Absent Motion carried.

10:50 a.m. Elder Comments: John Gasco requested the definition of what prior year's funds are. John also asked for clarification of the Revenue Allocation Plan with regard to a Per Cap distribution increase. John further requested the Tribal Council speak to the risk of a 2<sup>nd</sup> casino when taking their Michigan tour to speak to the Citizens. John Kawegoma spoke regarding the same issues as John Gasco with regard to 2<sup>nd</sup> casino risk management. Janice Skackelford spoke with concern regarding community input, and programs for youth and elderly with when Tribal Council spends tribal funds. Frank King asked if there are any plans for the casino property to have an RV campground.

11:51 a.m. Public Comment opened: Laura Esford spoke regarding Northern Shores Loan Fund's inability to help and mistreatment of those they are supposed to help. Laura further asked where she should go for help. Laura also mentioned that her merchandise was under consignment and did not belong to her but Northern Shores came and took it as collateral. Michele LaCount supported Laura and spoke of personal experience regarding the Director and Board not being on the same page with regard to how they can lend money. Annette VanDeCar asked if a contingency plan is in place if the Tribe cannot meet the numbers with regard to the Mackinaw Project. John Kawegoma said the Citizens have not heard solid plans regarding the payoff of the current casino bonds with regard to what the plans are for the money that was used for the payments.

12:47 p.m. Public Comment closed.

12:48 p.m. Lunch recess called.

1:37 p.m. Meeting reconvened. Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Treasurer Bott to appoint Yvonne McShane to the Odawa Fishery, Inc., Corporate Charter to fill the vacancy of a 2-year term ending May 2013.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Keshick to approve and authorize the disenrollment of Tribal Citizen Jane Ann Ewald #4403 for the reason of an erroneous enrollment and directs Enrollment Department to disenroll such Tribal Citizen, and hold a disenrollment hearing set for Tribal Citizen Jane Ann Ewald #4403 on October 7, 2012, and wherein the Tribal Citizen did not appear for the hearing, nor did she submit any documents to Tribal Council and a disenrollment hearing was set.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to amend the agenda to include a closed session for matters that raise significant confidential concern.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

2:03 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Keshick to go into closed session for matters that raise significant confidential concern.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

3:28 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to return to open session.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

3:29 p.m. Public Comment opened: Michele LaCount asked Tribal Council for consideration to ask the Executive to update the Contract Health Clinic Policies as previously approved by Tribal Council to include Contract Health hearing aid services.

3:32 p.m. Recess called.

3:45 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Otto to adjourn.

Motion dies due to lack of support.

5:03 p.m. Recess called.

5:20 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to approve the Drier Road Fish Hatchery Site Plan layout C101 dated 06/13/12.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor

## Tribal Council Meeting Dates

December 1 Work Session  
December 2 Council Meeting  
December 15 Work Session  
December 16 Council Meeting

January 5 Work Session  
January 6 Council Meeting  
January 19 Work Session  
January 20 Council Meeting

All Tribal Council meetings and work sessions are held in the Tribal Council Chambers located at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI.

## Legislative Tribal Council Members

Melvin L. Kiogima, Legislative Leader  
Regina Gasco-Bentley, Secretary  
John Bott, Treasurer  
Aaron Wayne Otto, Councilor  
Kevin Gasco, Councilor  
Belinda Bardwell, Councilor  
John Keshick III, Councilor  
Bill A. Denemy, Councilor  
Winnay Wemigwase, Councilor

Bardwell to Approve Enrollment List A – Eligible for Citizenship dated September 19, 2012 total of 4.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 – Abstained (Councilor Keshick), 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to Approve Enrollment List B – Ineligible for Citizenship dated September 19, 2012 for a total of 2.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Gasco to approve Certified Motion – Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Opposition to the Sport Hunting of Ma'ingan, Gray Wolf.

Motion and support was withdrawn due to the Tribal Council developing a Declaration of the same.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept Legislative Leader Kiogima's verbal report for October 7, 2012.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor

Gasco to accept Secretary Gasco Bentley's verbal report for October 7, 2012.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept Treasurer Bott's verbal report for October 7, 2012.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Bardwell to request the Judiciary, Legislative, Executive, Prosecutor and Election Board submit their proposed FY 2014 Budget directly to Tribal Council based on actual expenditures as reflected in FY 2010 and FY 2011.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Otto to approve Supplemental Funding for the FY 2012, 1101-0-00 Budget in the amount of \$6,334 and FY 2013, 1101-0-00 and 2000-0-01 Budgets in the amount of \$38,000 to be split equally between budgets for the addition of an Administrative Assistant position to the Legislative Office with funding to come from prior period funds.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 1 – No (Secretary Gasco Bentley), 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

6:28 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Gasco to go into closed session for legal.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

6:32 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Otto to return to open session.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Legislative Leader Kiogima) Motion carried.

6:35 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Gasco to go into closed session for confidential business matters.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

6:54 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Treasurer Bott to return to open session.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

6:56 p.m. Recess called.

7:10 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept the Ethics Committee report.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 – Absent (Secretary Gasco Bentley) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept Councilor Gasco's Tribal Council member report for October 7, 2012.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Gasco to post the Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2005-01 Natural Resources Commission Amendment and Repeal of Statutory Inland Regulations to the Legislative Calendar.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Otto to accept Councilor Keshick's Tribal Council member report for October 7, 2012.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor

or Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Gasco to approve the Action Item contained within the Confidential Memo 100712-01 as submitted by Legislative Services Attorney Budnick.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 – Abstained (Legislative Leader Kiogima), 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Gasco to accept the Legal and Legislative Committee report as presented by Secretary Gasco Bentley Committee Chairperson for October 7, 2012.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept the Enjiinak-neng report as presented by General Counsel Bransky for October 7, 2012.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Treasurer Bott to approve the Request for Removal of the Prosecutor Policies and Procedures.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's report for October 7, 2012.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept the Land and Reservation Committee report as presented by Legislative Leader Kiogima, Committee Chairperson for October 7, 2012.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Bardwell to acknowledge receipt of the Native American Graves Protection Repatriation Act 3rd Quarter 2012 Report as compiled and submitted by Wesley L. Andrews.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Bardwell to add to the agenda the Treasury Director Report.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept the Treasury Director Report for October 7, 2012.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Gasco to approve Certified Motion: Request for Trust Acquisition of Parcel in Emmet County, Pellston, MI.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve Certified Motion: Request for Trust Acquisition of Parcels in Emmet County, Mackinaw City, MI.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Bardwell to Accept Citizenship List C - Voluntary Relinquishments dated September 19, 2012 for total of 2.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 – Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer

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"Minutes" continued from page 15.

Bott and supported by Councilor Gasco to pass the Waganakising Odawak Statute Tribal Secretary Responsibilities Statute.

Roll call: Councilor Bardwell-yes, Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Gasco-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Councilor Wemigwase-yes, Treasurer Bott-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Kiogima-yes Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to pass the Waganakising Odawak Statute Succession Plan for Officers of Tribal Council Statute.

Roll call: Councilor Bardwell-yes, Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Gasco-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Councilor Wemigwase-yes, Treasurer Bott-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Kiogima-yes Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to pass the Waganakising Odawak Statute Amendment to 2005-014 Tribal Treasurer Responsibilities Statute.

Roll call: Councilor Bardwell-yes, Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Gasco-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Councilor Wemigwase-yes, Treasurer Bott-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Kiogima-yes Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Treasurer Bott to approve the Legislative Branch Employee Handbook Fair Employment Leave Policy.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Gasco to approve the Legislative Branch Employee Handbook Drug Free workplace Policy.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Gasco to table the Corporate Charter Appointment Policy until the next Tribal Council regular meeting.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Gasco to approve the Policy and Procedure for Authorization of the Pre-Construction Capital Project Funds Related to the proposed Mackinaw Casino economic development project along with accompanying form.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 3 - No (Councilor Wemigwase, Councilor Otto, Secretary Gasco Bentley), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Bardwell to post a new Election Board Statute.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

9:43 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Treasurer Bott to adjourn.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected.

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary Date

**The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Meeting Tribal Council Chambers 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740 October 21, 2012**

Closed Session: Yes

Call to Order: Meeting was

called to order at: 9:00 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Melvin L. Kiogima

Council Present: Legislative Leader Melvin L. Kiogima, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Councilor Aaron Otto, Councilor John Keshick III, Councilor Bill A. Denemy,

Absent: Treasurer John Bott, Councilor Belinda Bardwell, Councilor Kevin Gasco, Councilor Winay Wemigwase

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Treasury Director Michael Garrow, Legislative Branch Administrative Assistant Michael Smith

Executive Officials and Staff Present: None

Public: Jake Boyd, Edward Shenoskey, Janice Shackelford, John Gasco, Tammy Okuly, Andrew Stich, Linda Gokee, Yvonne McShane, Doug Craven

Invited Guests: Daniel Berg, Bryan Gillette - Odawa Economic Development Management Inc., Ben Banfield - Odawa Fishery Inc.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Denemy to adopt the agenda as amended for October 21, 2012 in Honor of Kateri Tetakwitha, the First Native American to enter Sainthood as the patroness of ecology, nature, and the environment.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Keshick III to approve the minutes of October 07, 2012 as corrected.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

9:06 a.m. Elder Comments: no comments at this time.

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Keshick III to accept Legislative Leader Kiogima's report.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick III and supported by Councilor Denemy to accept Secretary Gasco Bentley's report.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick III and supported by Councilor Otto to accept Secretary Gasco Bentley's travel report.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Denemy to accept the Gaming Authority Committee report for October 21, 2012 as presented by Committee member Councilor Otto.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick III and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to accept the Treasury Director verbal report for October 21, 2012 as presented by Treasury Director Michael Garrow.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor

Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Keshick III to accept the Legislative Services Attorney verbal report for October 21, 2012 as presented by Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

10:00 a.m. Elder Comments: Janice Shackelford speaking for people in regards to lack of housing and the waiting list in our housing and once Elder's leases are up they will be asked to move according to H.U.D. regulations of "Over Housing" i.e., 1 person living in 3 or 2 bedroom H.U.D. homes. Also spoke on Tribal Citizens airing tribal disputes such as what occurred up in Mackinaw City town meeting and giving tribal citizens a sounding board so that this does not happen. Tammy Okuly further tried to define or touch on what seems to be a part of the housing department problem and that there seems to be a lack of sufficient staff in housing to handle the realities of the problems that confront our tribe's housing issues. Janice Shackelford spoke on housing that is going up in California and how the housing is built to take care of the people, how can they do it there and we cannot do things like that here or to make things like that happen here for our Tribal Citizens. Also Janice and Tammy spoke about a meeting that was set-up to go view a Petoskey Apartment complex that is for sale in which Tammy had made contact with the sellers for potential Elder Housing or housing in general for the Tribe and they invited Tribal Council and the Executive for a viewing and no one from Tribal Council or the Executive showed which there was a lot reaching out was made and they did this with schedules in mind and some people agreed then never showed, which was a very big disappointment and showed a lack of interest in the housing problem. Tammy also commented that the Tribe should hire or contract Cherie Dominic to assist Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick in a legal capacity since she has graduated from law school and she should be taking the bar exam shortly.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

10:24 a.m. Elder Comment closed.

10:24 a.m. Recess called.

10:55 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick III and supported by Councilor Denemy to assign the Corporate Charter Appointment Policy to the Legal and Legislative Committee.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick III and supported by Councilor Otto to acknowledge receipt of the Executive Monthly Oversight report October 21, 2012.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick III and supported by Councilor Denemy to pass the Tribal Council Committees Meeting Policy and Procedures for use of Electronic Communications.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick III and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve the Gaming Regulatory Commission REGULATIONS REG-WOS 2005-06 100212-012.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

11:44 a.m. Public Comment

Opened: Andrew Stich suggested shrinking Tribal Council members down to 5 members. Andrew also stated that Council went into closed session during the meeting on 10/07/12 and he waited and waited for them to come back out of closed session so that he could come back into the meeting and it took too long so Andrew said he just left. Linda Gokee stated she is disappointed about job positions posted and the need for extra staff and also talked about how the 2 week pay period should be moved back to being paid weekly and the problems that it is causing employees. Andrew Stich asked about Tribal Council traveling around for the Mackinaw Casino meetings for input for Tribal Citizens in outlying areas and his concern that there are too many councilors traveling to these outlying meetings.

Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to disapprove Camping Regulations for Camping on Tribal Lands REG-WOS 2005-01 091712-002.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

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Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

11:52 a.m. Public Comment

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Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

12:02 p.m. Lunch recess called.

12:02 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Keshick III to acknowledge receipt of Odawa Fishery, Inc., 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report for October 2012 as presented by Odawa Fishery Inc., Board Chairman Ben Banfield.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

12:39 p.m. Recess called.

2:51 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Keshick III to acknowledge receipt of Odawa Economic De-

velopment Management, Inc. Corporate Charter 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report for October 2012 as presented by Vice-President Bryan Gillette.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

3:00 p.m. Public Comment

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Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

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Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve the Executive to sign the United States Patent and Trademark Combined Declaration of Use and Incontestability of Mark.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Keshick III to approve Citizenship List A - Eligible for citizenship dated October 15, 2012 for a total of 4.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Keshick III to approve Citizenship List B - Declination (Ineligible) dated October 15, 2012 for a total 1.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to amend the agenda to go into closed session for Land purposes.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

3:26 p.m. Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Denemy to go into closed session for Land purposes.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

4:07 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Denemy to return to open session.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve the Action Item contained with Confidential Memo 102112-01 as submitted by Legislative Services Attorney Budnick.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

4:11 p.m. Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Keshick III to adjourn.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Treasurer Bott, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Gasco, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary Date

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Elders Open Swim Odawa Hotel Pool, Petoskey, MI Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm Call 231-242-1423 for details						Tribal Council Work Session 1 9 am Tribal Council Chambers LTBB Govt. Center AFC Meeting 9 am-noon Tribal Council Chambers Election Board Special Meeting with Tribal Council
Tribal Council Meeting 2 9 am Tribal Council Chambers LTBB Govt. Center	Housing Commission Meeting 3 3:30 pm Rm. 312 Govt. Center	Elders Luncheon at Noon 4	Gaming Regulatory Meeting 5 5:30 pm 911 Spring St. Legal & Legislative Committee Meeting 10 am-4 pm Rm. 312 Govt. Center	Elders Luncheon at Noon 6	CWC Meeting 7 1 pm Govt. Center Rm 312	8
9	10	Elders Luncheon at Noon 11	NRC Meeting 12 6 pm Natural Resource Building	Elders Luncheon at Noon 13	Election Board Meeting 14 5:30pm	Tribal Council Work Session 15 9 am Tribal Council Chambers LTBB Govt. Center Election Board Work Session 12 pm Rm. 312
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30	New Year's Eve 31 Governmental Offices Closed	Christmas Day Governmental Offices Closed				

# NATIVE NEWS



## ODAWA CASINO HOSTS THIRD QUARTER SUPER STAR BANQUET



- Jennifer F. ~ Waas-no-de' Buffet
- Kris F. ~ Human Resources
- Sarah K. ~ Table Games
- William M. ~ Cage
- Lorna P. ~ Waas-no-de' Buffet
- Mark P. ~ Rendezvous Lounge
- Mary P. ~ Player Development
- Bill R. ~ Maintenance
- Sherry S. ~ Slots
- Claire S. ~ Waas-no-de' Buffet
- Catherine W. ~ Table Games
- Tina G. ~ Cage
- Amber H. ~ Player Development
- Bruce K. ~ Maintenance
- Gerald K. ~ Maintenance
- Kelly K. ~ Slots
- Michaela M. ~ Waas-no-de' Buffet
- Garland M. ~ Maintenance
- William M. ~ Cage
- Mandy O. ~ Human Resources
- Joyce O. ~ Drop
- Mark P. ~ Rendezvous Lounge
- Eugene S. ~ Maintenance
- Cheryl S. ~ Hotel Food & Beverage
- Roy S. ~ Maintenance
- Melissa T. ~ Rendezvous
- Dennis W. ~ Table Games
- Kimberly W. ~ Hotel Food & Beverage

The following team members were honored for their five years of service to Odawa Casino. Each team member received a personalized coat for his/her dedication and commitment.

- Oma D. ~ Rendezvous Lounge
- Jesse D. ~ Security
- Keith E. ~ Security

Courtesy graphic.

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Odawa Casino in Petoskey, MI, recently held its 2012 Third Quarter Super Star banquet at Odawa Hotel in Petoskey, MI.

The following team members were nominated by their peers, and the directors agreed they exemplify the 10 Key Attributes of the Picture Perfect Service program. Each team member received a personalized plaque and \$100.

## ODAWA CASINO PRESENTS CHECK TO MOVE WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL



Park to Pennsylvania Park in downtown Petoskey, MI.

When asked, "What is your drive behind your fundraising efforts?" Gordon Wiitanen replied, "For my vets, they gave their lives for this country and our freedom. We can't forget these people."

A total of 37 local soldiers names are on the memorial.

Director of Emmet County Department of Veterans Affairs, Jim Alton; Director of Petoskey Harbor Springs Community Foundation, David "DJ" Jones; Director of Department of Parks and Recreation for the City of Petoskey, Al Hansen; along with Odawa Casino Resort's Community Development Coordinator, Marty Van De Car; and Marketing Coordinator, Billi Jo Head; were present during the check presentation.

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Odawa Casino, owned and operated by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, recently presented World War II Veteran Gordon Wiitanen with a check for \$500. The money will go towards the fundraising efforts to move the World War I Memorial from its current location at Mineral Well

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**Weekend Urgent Care Alternative!**

**Quick Care Family Medical Center**  
116 W. Mitchell Street Petoskey, MI 49770  
231-348-2828

**McLaren NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL**  
416 Connable Avenue Petoskey, MI 49770  
1-800-248-6777

**Charlevoix Area Hospital**  
14700 Lake Shore Drive, Charlevoix, MI 49720  
231-547-4024

Quick Care can be utilized when immediate attention is needed for an urgent, but not life-threatening condition, and the LTBB Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI, is closed.

When using Quick Care, you are required to call LTBB Contract Health at 231-242-1600. Notice must be received within 72 hours of the visit. LTBB Elders have 30 days to notify Contract Health.

Notice: Up North Medical Center, also known as Boyne Country Urgent Care, located on M-119 in Harbor Springs, MI, is no longer open after hours or on weekends, so LTBB is no longer using it as an urgent care facility. After hours and weekend emergency treatment can be obtained at Quick Care Family Medical Center, McLaren Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey, MI or Charlevoix Area Hospital in Charlevoix, MI.

**Merry Christmas**

**Waas~No~De' Buffet Menu**

<b>Cold Station:</b> Full Salad Bar Seasoned Boiled Shrimp with Cocktail Sauce	<b>Entrées:</b> Carving Station Herb Roasted Prime Rib of Beef, Au jus Carved Bone in Ham With Bing Cherry Sauce Roasted Tom Turkey with Pan Gravy Fresh Cranberry Sauce Southern Fried Chicken Oven Roast Chicken
<b>Soup Station:</b> Turkey Noodle with Fresh Vegetables Cream of Mushroom Soup New England Clam Chowder	

Garlic Mashed Redskin Potatoes | Apple, Sausage and Sage Dressing  
Southern Style Sausage and Cornbread Dressing | Candied Yams  
Classic Green Bean Casserole | Fresh Cauliflower Au Gratin  
Brussel Sprouts with Bacon and Shallots

<b>Featured Entrées:</b> Potato Pancakes Homemade Applesauce Yankee Pot Roast Shrimp Newburg Grilled Whitefish Pierogis ~ Braised Red Cabbage Fresh Polish Sausage With Sauerkraut Honey Glazed Carrots	<b>Christmas Desserts:</b> Assorted Holiday Cookies Pumpkin, Pecan and Apple Pie Baked Apples Fruit Cobblers Bread Pudding w/Vanilla sauce Cheesecake Sugar free Desserts Fresh Strawberry Shortcake Holiday Candies
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# LINES FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP

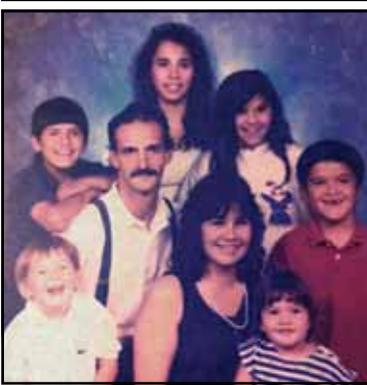
## Birthdays



Happy belated birthday **Choka!** I love you with all my heart ♥ Gazaagin, Gisewe Yellowbank.

Happy birthday **Don Portman!** How OLD are you NOW? Still older than me! Hehehe.. Love, Chrissy & family.

Happy birthday **Winnay**, thank you for all the fun times that we have together. PaPa Bear and Grammie Bear love to hear our constant laughter because YOU'RE so funny! I look forward to when I can "spend the night." Love you always, Penguinino.



Happy belated birthday from all your kids! You're an **Amazing Mother**, you're always there when we need you and have always been so supportive! You are still Beautiful as ever!! Thank you for all you do every day and being such a great role model! Love, Deanna, Rebecca, Todd, Daniel, Marty and Amanda! ☺

Happy birthday to our Auntie and Great-Auntie **Shirley Adkins**. May you have a birthday as wonderful as you. Big love and lots of appreciation, Ken, Lia and the kids.



Happy birthday to our silly lil' girl, **Ava Alisa Gavin**, who celebrates her 2nd birthday on December 27th. Hope your day is as special as you are!!!! Love you bunches and bunches, Meme. ☺

To my most favorite niece, **Dawn Arthur-Price**, happy birthday on December 29th. Have lots of fun, but don't go yankee on anyone. Love, Auntie Kookoo.

## Birthdays

We alls sending a big ol' box of love and happy buthday wishes to our little ol' cousin **Dr. Dawnie Price** waaaaay down yonda' in TN. Hope you have yo'self a libation. From yo' yankee cousins here on the rez, Ken, Lia and the kids.

Happy 41st birthday to **David Miller** on December 7. From your loving wife, Theresa, your children, Todd, Uriah, Tonilea and Cheyenne, all your grandbabies, Deegan, Shanalea, Brayson and Martreyll, and Ron and Barb.



Birthday wishes for **Marie Schuyler-Dreaver** (December 31) and **Kayla Dreaver** (December 29) way up in Saskatchewan. Have a great day! From your family in Michigan.

Happy birthday to a wonderful brother and uncle, **Allen Gasco**, on December 26. Love, Gina, Matt, Brittany and Katie.

Happy birthday to a wonderful nephew and cousin, **Christopher Smith**, on December 25. Love, Gina, Matt, Brittany and Katie.



Happy 71st birthday to **Dennis "the Menace" King** on December 30. You may have slowed down in your old age, but you certainly keep life interesting! Have a great day! From the General, the Brassy Lady, General Junior, Sonny Boy and Kathy.

Happy birthday to a wonderful nephew, brother and cousin, **Merle Carson**, on December 26. Love, Gina, Matt, Brittany and Katie.

Happy birthday to my niece, **Missy Moo**, on your special day. You were always there for me, and I will always be here for you!! All my love, Aunt Judy.

Happy birthday to **Winnay**, you are the BEST Camp Councilor and daughter there is!!! Thank you for all you do for us, we are blessed to have you. Shall we do cupcakes from Sweet Maria's or a poinsettia cake? Tough decisions!!! Love you much! Mom, Dad, Neewin and the Campers - Chu-la-rue, Bungii, Homey, T-Bone and Pow-Wow.

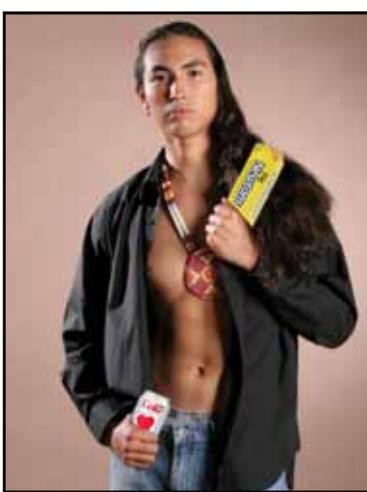
## Birthdays



Happy birthday **Nokomis!** I hope you have a wonderful day .. You are the Best!! Gazaagin ♥ Gisewe Bobbi Yellowbank.

Happy 12th birthday **Big D** on December 8th. We love you, Mom, Dad, P, B & Grandma. ☺

Happy birthday **Aunt Winnay**, how many candles should we bring for the birthday cake? And, can we spend the night? Love, Anna Banana and Gia. ☺



Happy birthday **Princess!** May your special day be filled with Fig Newtons, cream puffs, mint chocolate chip ice cream and Diet Coke. I'll even babysit "your children" as part of your birthday present. Keep fighting the good fight! From GJ.

Happy 27th birthday on the 30th **Will Booth!** From your family.

Happy birthday to my little sister, **Shirley Adkins**. May your special day December 30th be as special as you are. Love, Mary.



Happy birthday **Mom!** Thanks for taking such good care of us! Love, your Diva and your Handsome Boy.



## Birthdays

Happy birthday on December 27th to **Alexandria Price**, my wonderful and beautiful great-niece. Have a wonderful time on your special day. Love, Aunt Mary.

Happy birthday to my daughter, **Dawn Pesino**, on December 27th - You are loved so much, Mom.

Happy birthday to **Monica Smithkey** on December 3rd - Love, Mom.



Happy birthday **Cheetara!** From Wily Cat Thundercats ah hoo!

Happy birthday to **Jazmine Anthony** on December 13th! Love, Grandma Swadling.

Sending happy birthday wishes and a Merry Christmas to our sister, **Shirley Eaves**, on December 16. From the family.

Happy birthday to **Summer Shananaquet**, **Joey Boda**, **Xavier Schansema**, **James Crampton**, **David Miller**, **Sharon Cojo**, **Joshua Shenoskey**, **Baby Jack**, **Laren Hume**, **Candice Berry**, **Donovan Shananaquet**, **Diane Bott**, **Carole Crampton**, **Nicholas King** and **Marcine Bertrand**. Sorry, we missed the November birthdays and anniversaries. We hope you had a fun day. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! From Dorothy and Don Boda.

Happy 10th B-day to our gator girl, **Allison Kolodgy**, on December 12th, you will always be my Diva. Love, Mom, Dad, Allison, Howard, Jasmine and Ziggy.

Happy birthday to my other daughter, **Lori**. Wishing you happiness and lots of gifts on your extra special birthday!!! Love ya, Judy.

Mno Dibishkaan to **Yvonne Fuerte!** (December 7th) Hoping you have the grandest day ever; and praying that the Creator bless you immensely as you have been such a blessing to me and the kids. You've been at my side through thick & thin, and I don't know what I would have done without you. I appreciate all that you do and am VERY thankful for you, sis. I love you...infinity x infinity. Happy birthday! Love, Theresa and Jordan.

Happy 12th birthday to **Anna Gooding** on the 5th. From your Michigan family.

Happy birthday to my granddaughter, **Kaela Smithkey**, on December 5th - May your day be filled with much happiness. Love, Grandma.

## Anniversary

Big anniversary wishes for **Paul & Beth Shananaquet**. Enjoy another 33 years. Love, Aunt Dorothy and Uncle Don Boda.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Carly Searles**, a LTBB Tribal Citizen from Levering, MI. Searles, a Trine University sophomore setter, earned all-conference honors for the first time in her career after being named to the All-MIAA Second Team. During the season, she recorded 20 double-doubles and two triple-doubles. She ranked 10th in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association with 3.10 digs per set. Searles played every set this season, finishing second on the team in assists (402) and digs (332); third in kills (197) and blocks (42); and fifth in aces (25). She helped the Trine University volleyball team to an 18-12 record. The 18 victories recorded



this season were the most by the Thunder since 1999. Searles is the daughter of Sue Gasco and Randy Searles and the granddaughter of Mary (Wemigwase) Gasco and the late Vernon Gasco.

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## LOST

Silver and turquoise earring pictured below. Great sentimental value! Lost during the Sobriety Feast at the LTBB Governmental Center on October 26, 2012. Please contact Wendy at the LTBB Communications Department at 231-242-1429.



Reward Offered!

"Classifieds" continued from page 19.

## Miigwetch

A big thank you for all the help with the Ghost Supper this year. Thank you! Don and Dorothy Boda.

## In Memoriam



Taimi Lynne Hoag, 1954-2002

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Environmental Director 1999-2002

This December marks 10 years since our Creator called Taimi Lynne Hoag back home to his presence. The time passed does not seem that long. It was a sorrow-filled time for our family when Taimi departed so suddenly. Yet, it was The Plan in motion, and it relieved her of the Earthly sufferings from cancer, which her body battled for years. Her body is no more, but her Spirit thrives and watches over her grandchildren.

Taimi's lifelong respect for the environment continues as we pass on the importance of this Earth to her seven grandchildren, ensuring they will teach their children.

My brothers and I are grateful to the Odawa community who were present for and with us 10 years ago. I want to say Thank You. You consoled us, talked with us, kept the fire, burnt tobacco and feasted with us. It was genuine warmth to be around during those cold December days before we embarked to the Allegany Indian Reservation in New York (Seneca Nation of Indians) for a final memorial service for our Mom where she grew up.

Miigwetch  
Justin Nephew

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## Miigwetch



The family of Clara Miller would like to thank the family and friends who helped in their time of need. Special thanks to Karen and Andrew Naganashe for all their love and support. Clara will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. The Millers.

On behalf of the family of John Wallace Keshick II, we would like to extend a CHI MII GWETCH to all who helped in bidding Johnnie his final farewell. There are so many to thank. To J.D. Gibson and Jake Pine, thank you for the funeral service. Thanks to Aiesha and Earl Meshigaud for the spiritual graveside service. And, especially thank you to Diane Bott and her work crew, Regina Brubacker-Carver and Brian Carver, Arlene Naganashe for leading the rosary, Nancy Shananaquet and all her family, Dorothy and Don Boda and all those who brought food to the house and to the service. Thanks to all the firekeepers, drummers and family members who helped! This show of graciousness was greatly appreciated in sending him to his final spiritual journey.

## Walking On...



Clara Elizabeth Miller, 68

Clara Elizabeth Miller, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, was born September 26, 1944 in Brutus, MI, and passed away on October 8, 2012 at the age of 68. She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Josephine (Nee, Petoskey) Naganashe; a daughter, Elizabeth Ann Miller; sisters, Mary Jane Savage, Cecilia Henry, Eliza Shenoskey; brothers-in-law, Henry Shenoskey and Sam Shananaquet; brothers, Basil Naganashe and Nicholas Naganashe; sister-in-law, Sharon Naganashe; and grandson, Franklin Miller. Clara will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and auntie by those left to cherish her memory, her beloved husband, Gary Miller; sons, Gary Miller, Jr., Matthew Kiogima, Raymond Kiogima, David (Theresa) Miller and Franklin Miller; brothers, Tom (Dianna) Naganashe and James (Arlene) Naganashe; sisters, Dorothy (Donald) Boda and Nancy Shananaquet; 19 loving grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Gone, but never forgotten.

John "Johnnie" W. Keshick II, 80

John "Johnnie" W. Keshick, II, born August 21, 1932, passed away at his home in Levering, MI, on September 26, 2012. John was a citizen of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and was an avid hunter and fisher-

man. During the 1970's-80's, John, along with his fishing partner, John Case, were instrumental in bringing the treaty right to hunt and fish into the courts, ultimately, leading to the decision by Judge Fox which stated the tribe did indeed have the right to hunt and fish. During this time, he helped organize the Odawa Fishing Committee which drew up rules and regulations. He is survived by his first wife, Mary Keshick, mother of John Keshick III (Michele), Yvonne Fuerte (Bartolo), Donald Keshick, Robert Keshick, Theresa Keshick and Linda Gokee. He is survived by his second wife, Yvonne Walker-Keshick, mother of Kimberly Worthington (Russell) and Jacob Keshick (Tiffany). He is also survived by his daughter, Gail Wabanimkee, and siblings, Emily Harrington of Harbor Springs, MI, Marie Miller of Harbor Springs, MI, Margaret Compo of Lansing, MI, and Gary Compo of Lansing, MI, by 31 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. John was predeceased by his mother and father, Lucy Peaine Keshick Compo and John W. Keshick; and siblings, Howard Keshick, Robert Keshick, Rosella Keshick Hemstreet, Elmer Keshick, Amelia Compeaux, Joseph Compo and Peter Compo. Children preceding him in death are Maria Keshick, Marsha Keshick, Ronald Keshick and Gregory Keshick. Visitation was held on October 1, 2012 at the LTBB Community Center on 5656 Ape-Gish-Mock Blvd in Harbor Springs, MI, from 2-9 p.m. with family viewing at 1 p.m. A rosary was offered at 7 p.m. Funeral services were conducted by J.D. Gibson and Jake Pine on October 2, 2012. Burial took place on October 3, 2012 at noon at Indian Point Cemetery in Nahma, MI. A very spiritual graveside ceremony was conducted by Earl Meshigaud and his wife at that time.

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# THE LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS ELDERS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 1 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Virginia Lewis, Secretary Bea Law, Member Richard Wemigwase, Member Janice Shackelford, Member John Kawegoma, Member Doug Emery and Elders Coordinator Tammy Okuly.

Absent: Vice Chairperson Sarah VanDeCar, Member Kahtnee Tobiasageshik and Member Bill Denemy, Sr.

Guest: Lee Anderson, Head Chef, Odawa Hotel

Motion to approve the agenda of September 4, 2012 with corrections by Member Janice Shackelford and supported by Member Richard Wemigwase.

Motion carried.

Motion to accept the minutes of July 24, 2012 was postponed.

New business: Lee Anderson, the invited guest, came to discuss the menus for the Elders Luncheons and spoke regarding changes in the items provided and changes to the menu. As of November 1, 2012, the new cycle will begin for the winter menu. Tuesday's lunch will contain hot soups, and the regular full course meals for Thursday's lunch along with the suggested items provided by the elders from their comments sheets.

Doug Emery addressed the dietary issues for elders in particular. Levi Walker addressed Native Americans' dietary issues as well.

Elders Coordinator Tammy Okuly and Lee Anderson will meet with the dietitian.

Topics of Discussion

Levi Walker discussed the need for tribal funding for elders' hearing aids.

Levi Walker said he would attend the Tribal Council meeting and bring attention to the funding needs for hearing aids for elders. Walker stated, "Being able to hear adds to the quality of life for all who cannot hear well or at all."

Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) meeting is October 15, 16 and 17, 2012 to be held at the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chipewa Indians. Secretary Bea Law is to collect the items for auction.

Chairperson Virginia Lewis reported on the field trip to an adult foster care and two independent and assisted living facilities plus a facility for a possible LTBB elder facility. The trip was set up by LTBB Executive staff, but none attended. It was disappointing since they are

the ones who will make decisions regarding such a facility. Committee was disappointed no Tribal Administration personnel or Tribal Council members attended.

Motion by Secretary Bea Law to adjourn and was seconded by Member Richard Wemigwase.

Motion carried.

Due to scheduling, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Next meeting is October 2, 2012 at 12:45 p.m. in Room 312.

Submitted by Secretary Bea Law.

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"Denemy" continued from page 1.

Denemy served as LTBB Vice Chairman from 2005-2009, served on the LTBB Gaming Administration and worked in the LTBB Tribal Court as the Cultural Resource Advisor for two years. He worked 33 years for the Michigan State Police before his retirement, last working as the Assistant Division Commander in the Lansing, MI, headquarters. He was on the first Michigan State Police diving crew.

toskey, MI, and the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce's Festival by the Bay event held annually every August in Petoskey, MI. He has played on the LTBB Golf League for several years.

He and his wife, Pat, both Charlevoix High School graduates, have been married for 60 years, and they have five children, Bill A. Denemy, Judy, Joan, Brian and Terri, and three grandchildren, Michael, Justin and Joey. All of his children are LTBB



He served as the President of the Michigan State Employees Association and as the State President of the Michigan Association of Governmental Employees.

"I enjoyed working in law enforcement," Denemy said. "The Michigan State Police were very good to me. Since I'm retired now, my main focuses are the Elders Associations (LTBB Elders Association and MIEA), attending Elders Luncheons (held every Tuesday and Thursday at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI), going on field trips with other elders and volunteering. I also enjoy golfing, hunting and fishing."

He volunteers at the Friendship Centers of Emmet County in Petoskey, MI, the Salvation Army in Petoskey, MI, the Little Traverse Conservancy in Pe-

tribal Citizens. Bill A. Denemy, who is currently serving on Tribal Council, retired in December 2010 after 35 years of social work; Judy is a realty owner; Joan retired in December 2010 after almost 34 years as the Secretary for the Michigan State Police Post in West Branch, MI; Brian works as an Electrical Engineer in the auto industry; and Terri works for the city of Avondale, AZ. Michael is in his fourth year at the University of Michigan and received a MIEA Scholarship of \$1,000 for his freshman year there. Justin is a freshman at Central Michigan University, and Joey, 10, is a fourth-grader in Lake Orion, MI.

Photo of Bill Denemy by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar, and the photo of the LTBB Elders who attended the October 16, 2012 MIEA meeting was provided by Marian Sedlak.

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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2013 ~ LAST DATE TO MAIL THE CALL TO ELECTION**

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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2013 ~ 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M. 915 EMMET STREET PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN - OFFICE HOURS TO ACCEPT VOTER REGISTRATIONS FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2013 ~ CANDIDATE NOMINATION PETITIONS DUE BACK TO THE ELECTION BOARD BY 5 P.M.**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2013 ~ 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M. 915 EMMET STREET PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN - OFFICE HOURS TO ACCEPT THE CANDIDATE NOMINATION PETITIONS**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2013 ~ ELECTION BOARD CERTIFIES THE CANDIDATE NOMINATION PETITIONS BEGINNING AT 5 P.M.**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2013 ~ LAST DATE FOR THE CANDIDATES TO WITHDRAW IN WRITING FROM THE ELECTION**

**MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2013 ~ CANDIDATE BIO'S MAILED TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2013**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2013 ~ LAST DATE TO REGISTER FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2013 ~ 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M. OFFICE HOURS TO ACCEPT VOTER REGISTRATIONS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2013 ~ PRIMARY BALLOTS MAILED TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF FEBRUARY 5, 2013**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2013 ~ 1 P.M. TO 6 P.M. "MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM" AT ODAWA HOTEL, PETOSKEY, MI**

**MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013 ~ PRIMARY ELECTION DAY 8 A.M. TO 7 P.M.**

**MONDAY, MAY 20, 2013 ~ PRIMARY ELECTION CERTIFIED AT 5 P.M. AND THE BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION APPROVED.**

**FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2013 ~ BALLOTS FOR GENERAL ELECTION MAILED TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF MARCH 26, 2013**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2013 ~ 1 P.M. TO 6 P.M. "MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM" AT THE SOARING EAGLE CASINO RESORT HOTEL IN MT. PLEASANT, MI.**

**MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2013 ~ GENERAL ELECTION DAY 8 A.M. TO 7 P.M.**

**TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2013 ~ GENERAL ELECTION CERTIFIED AT 5 P.M.**

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**"LTBB Gaming" continued from page 1.**  
 In 2003, LTBB purchased land for economic development on Nicolet Street in Mackinaw City, MI. LTBB presented Mackinaw City with a plan to build a second casino there, but the Mackinaw City Village Council rejected the plan by a 6-1 vote in September 2003.  
 In January 2012, LTBB purchased three additional parcels of land in Mackinaw City, MI, which was adjacent to two parcels already owned by the tribe and in trust, for \$550,000. In September 2012, LTBB purchased the land in Mackinaw City, MI, on which the former Thunder Falls Water Park operated on, for \$1.5 million.  
 Pending final approval by Tribal Council and approval by the Mackinaw City Village Council, the proposed Mackinaw City casino with 550 slot machines and a small deli would be built between I-75 and Nicolet Street. The casino can be built at 1020 S. Nicolet Street, the site of the former King's Inn, since the land is in trust.



The cost of the proposed casino is \$26 million, and the tribe currently owes \$40 million on Odawa Casino Resort. The plan is to refinance both casinos and pay off the loan by the end of 2018. The proposed Mackinaw City casino is expected to generate approximately \$5 million yearly for debt payment and create approximately 85 to 90 year-round jobs and approximately 100 construction jobs during construction. The proposed opening date would be in the spring of 2014 after 10 months of construction.

On September 23, 2012, Tribal Council held a special meeting for LTBB Tribal Citizens and their spouses to discuss the proposed project. The Tribal Council Chambers, located inside the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, was full as approximately 60 people attended the meeting. Of those in attendance, 27 gave public comment or asked questions regarding the proposed project, and two letters were read by tribal citizens who were unable to attend. Some spoke in support of the proposed project, and some voiced opposition to it.

Tribal Council held Mackinaw City Casino Project Q & A meetings with tribal citizens in Detroit, MI, on October 26, 2012; in Lansing, MI, on October 27, 2012; in Escanaba, MI, on October 29, 2012; in Grand Rapids, MI, on November 1, 2012; and in Harbor Springs, MI, on November 3, 2012.

In order to have a Class III casino in Mackinaw City, MI, LTBB must have approval of the local governing body as mandated by its compact with the State of Michigan. Toward this end, LTBB

gave a presentation to the Mackinaw City Village Council regarding the proposed project on October 18, 2012 held at the Mackinaw Public Schools auditorium in Mackinaw City, MI. The auditorium was full as approximately 80 people attended the meeting. Those in attendance were allowed to give public comment before and after the presentation. Of the 12 who gave public comment there, nine spoke in opposition to the proposed casino, two asked questions and one spoke in favor of it.

At the meeting, Mackinaw City Village Council President Jeff Hingston indicated the Village Council would hold a public hearing on the proposed casino prior to the Village Council taking a vote on it. LTBB later received word the Village Council will hold the public hearing in January 2013.

If the Mackinaw City Village Council does not grant LTBB approval to build a Class III casino, LTBB does not need the approval of the Mackinaw City Village Council to build a Class II casino.

In the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, Congress included the definition of Class II gaming as follows: Bingo; when played in the same location as bingo - pull tabs, lotto, punch boards, tip jars, instant bingo, other games similar to bingo; and non-house banked card games authorized or not explicitly prohibited by the state in which the tribal operation is located. All other games are Class III, except for certain social or traditional forms of gaming. Class III games include, but are not limited to the following: Baccarat, chemin de fer, blackjack, slot machines, and electronic or electromechanical facsimiles of any game of chance. The National Indian Gaming Commission Office of General Counsel reviews games on request by a tribe or a game developer and issues advisory opinions on whether they are Class II or Class III.

If a Class III casino is built, LTBB would have to give 6% of the net win at the casino derived from all Class III electronic games of chance, as those games are defined in the compact, to the State of Michigan semi-annually and would have to give 2% of the net win derived from all Class III electronic games of chance, as those games are defined in the compact, to local governments semi-annually. The 2% is dispersed through the Local Revenue Sharing Board.

If LTBB built a Class II casino, the tribe would have to give the 6% semi-annual payments to the State of Michigan, but the tribe would not be required to give the 2% semi-annual payments to local governments.

At the November 4, 2012 Tribal Council meeting, a motion was made by Councilor Winnay Wemigwase and supported by Secretary Regina Gasco-Bentley to submit the proposed Mackinaw Casino project to a vote of the registered tribal voters at a referendum election per ARTICLE XIV., Part B. of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution. The motion failed with two Councilors, Winnay Wemigwase and Secretary Regina Gasco-Bentley, voting yes, and seven Councilors, Kevin Gasco, John Keshick III, Belinda Bardwell, Legislative Leader Melvin L. Kiogima, Treasurer John Bott, Bill A. Denemy and Aaron Otto, voting no. An affirmative vote of six Councilors is required for a referendum vote of the registered voters. Some tribal citizens had asked Tribal Council to put the proposed casino project to a referendum vote at the special meeting held on September 23, 2012.

Currently, there are five casinos - Bay Mills Resort & Casino in Brimley, MI; Kewadin Casino - Hessel in Hessel, MI; Kewadin Shores Casino & Hotel in St. Ignace, MI; Kings Club Casino in Brimley, MI; and Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI - within 50 miles of Mackinaw City, MI.

*Courtesy architectural rendering and courtesy map.*

**"Casino Update" continued from page 1.**  
 was overall well-received.

We look forward to a favorable response from the Village of Mackinaw City Council in January 2013. Preliminary discussions have begun pertaining to the financing of the project, but no decision will be made until we secure approval from a local governing body, hopefully, the Village of Mackinaw City.

After receiving approval and securing financing, a final vote will be held by Tribal Council

to move forward with the project.

If at any time during this process, anyone has questions or wishes for more information, please contact one of the members of Tribal Council or the Legislative Office. You can call the Legislative Office at 1-866-927-0077. You may contact Tribal Council directly at [tribalcouncil@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:tribalcouncil@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov). To contact individual Tribal Councilors, please visit [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/OdawaRegister/Legislative/CouncilMembers.html](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/OdawaRegister/Legislative/CouncilMembers.html) for their contact information.

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- We will also be holding an onsite raffle - Tickets available for \$1 a piece

All proceeds go to future Title VII activities and events

The dinner will be held at the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Tribal Building on Ranney Rd. (Located between East Jordan, MI, and Charlevoix, MI)

**Directions:**  
 Coming from Charlevoix, MI: Take M-66 South to East Jordan. After 7 miles, you will come to Ranney Rd. on the right-hand side. Take Ranney Rd. 1.3 miles, and then, turn right onto Wa Ba Noo Mi Kun Rd. (you should then notice the GTB tribal building up the driveway on the right).  
 Coming from East Jordan, MI: Take M-66 North to Charlevoix. Go 5 miles until you come to Phelps Rd. and make a left. Take Phelps Rd. a half mile until you come to Ranney Rd. and then make a left. Take Ranney Rd. 1.3 miles and then turn right onto Wa Ba Noo Mi Kun Rd. The GTB tribal building is up the driveway on the right.

**Everyone is invited to come and enjoy!**  
 Contact person: Larry Denemy Phone: 231-547-8190 E-mail: [ldenemy@rayder.net](mailto:ldenemy@rayder.net)

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